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"The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the seaside. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him. . . . And he spake many things unto them in parables." (Matthew 13:1-3)

The Religious News Service cover picture from the Italian wax sculptor, D. Mastraoinni, was drawn from this story of Jesus preaching by the seaside. The special emphasis of this issue of WORLD CALL is on the Christian ministry.

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Global Highlights

News of the World Through the Eyes of the Church

United Society Will Install New President

INDIANAPOLIS.—A. Dale Fiers, newly elected president of The United Christian Missionary Society, will be installed in a public service in Third Christian Church here Sept. 19 at 8:00 P.M.

Dr. Fiers will be presented by Lewis H. McAdow, chairman of the board of managers of the Society and pastor of University Park Church, Indianapolis. It is expected that many Disciples within commuting distance of Indianapolis will attend to hear Dr. Fiers present in his installation address his hopes and expectations for the Society.

Clothing Collection For Korea in September

NEW YORK.—September will be "National Clothing Collection Month for Korea," according to Palmer Bevis, information director of American Relief for Korea, Inc., 133 E. 39th St., New York 16, N.Y. Volunteer groups throughout the country are working through American Relief for Korea in its cooperation with the State Department to get material relief to Korea quickly. More than 10,000,000 destitute Korean men, women and children need aid.

Churches Help Flood Sufferers

KANSAS CITY. (RNS).—The Kansas City Council of Churches acted as a clearing house for flood relief in this area. First Christian Church is nearly a complete loss, and Emerson Park was in the flood area. Arloe Snodgrass, pastor of First Christian, is the son of Harlie Snodgrass, pastor of Emerson Park. Members of 55 other Christian churches are giving furniture and financial aid to the two churches damaged by the overflow of the Kaw and Missouri Rivers.

Churches out of the water's range sheltered the thousands evacuated.

British Quakers Go to Moscow

LONDON. (RNS).—A delegation of seven British Quakers left here July 14 for Moscow. The East-West relations committee of the Religious Society of Friends announced that it had received and accepted an invitation from the Soviet Peace Committee to send the delegation.

"The major purpose of the mission," the announcement stated, "will be to help in fostering good will between the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain and in strengthening the prospects of world peace through East-West understanding."

National Council Director Dies

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS).—Theodore Greene, who was to have become director of the Washington office of the National Council of Churches in October, died here June 11 of a heart attack.

Dr. Greene had resigned the previous Sunday as pastor of First Congregational church, New Britain, Conn. He is survived by the widow and two sons, Theodore and Thayer.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the National Council, said that the new director will be named at the next meeting of the Council's General Board in September.

"Best Seller" Author Gives Unity Lecture

GRAHAMSTOWN, S. A.—The Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture on Christian Unity at Rhodes University Aug. 29 is being given by Alan Paton, Anglican Christian layman and author of the famous best seller, *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The book has been made into the musical, "Lost in the Stars," and the film version, produced by Sir Alexander Korda and starring Canada Lee, will soon be released.

The Ainslie Lecture is directed by an interdenominational committee and is published each year. In the United States copies can be had

Grain for India

—RNS Photo

Madame Lakshmi Pandit, Indian ambassador to the U.S., is presented with a token bag of wheat at the start of a campaign by the Christian Rural Overseas Program to collect grain for India. Left is John D. Metzler, representative of Church World Service on CROP's national board. Recent legislation directs the Economic Cooperation Administration to pay ocean shipping costs to India of all relief supplies donated by American religious and voluntary organizations.

With National Council

Dr. Raymond F. McLain will become general director of the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches Sept. 1 with headquarters at 297 Fourth Ave., New York City. The Commission represents 375 Protestant colleges of the United States and the voluntary student work of boards of Christian education in public-supported independent colleges and universities. Dr. McLain resigns as president of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., where he developed an outstanding program in Christian education, recognized and supported by great educational foundations of the country.

from the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, 222 S. Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

American Women "Live Thy Faith"

NEW YORK.—"Live Thy Faith" is the call that has been sent to thousands of church women across the country who are preparing to observe World Community Day Nov. 2. The annual observance is sponsored by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches.

"World Community Day," said Mrs. H. B. Marx, Disciple churchwoman and chairman of the national planning committee, "is built upon our faith that love is stronger than hate; that good can overcome the evils of our time; that Christ is the world's 'great alternative.' It is our affirmation that world peace is possible—if we work for it."

Church and Economic Life Studied by Clergymen

CHICAGO.—Churchmen came to the University of Chicago June 25-July 28 to attend the School of Church and Economic Life, conducted by the university's Federated Theological Faculty in cooperation with the Department of Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches. Courses were designed to orient Christian leaders in today's economic issues.

Disciple ministers who attended were Eugene S. Ogrodowaski, Spencer, Iowa, Ira A. Kirk, Eldorado, Ark., and Archie Mackey, Hammond, Ind.

Hoosier Disciple Goes to Palestine

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Frank E. Davison, pastor of First Christian Church here, was one of twenty Christian leaders who visited Lebanon, Jordan and Israel in June under the auspises of the American Christian Palestine Committee.

The group, composed of clergymen, journalists, educators and civic leaders, was guided by tour leader, Karl Baehr (See July-August WORLD CALL, page 21). Members of the group made a study of economic, political and religious conditions, and met with government officials and representatives of their own professions throughout the tour.

Special Days

Sept. 2—Labor Sunday
Sept. 9—Go-to-College Sunday
Sept. 30-Oct. 7—Church Program Week with Religious Education Emphasis
Area Assemblies—See page 25

Chaplains Receive New Testaments

Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, second from right, executive secretary of the Disciple Committee on Military and Veterans Services, presented Dr. Theodore R. Leen, national director of evangelism, with a New Testament as he returned to active duty as chaplain with the Air Force July 1. Members of the Committee are, left to right, Forrest L. King, George O. Taylor, Chester P. Hensley, Carl M. Boyd, field executive, Dr. Leen, Dr. Wickizer and Frederick W. Helfer. The Committee is presenting to each Disciple chaplain a leather-bound New Testament, Revised Standard Version, as a token of appreciation. While Dr. Leen is on leave of absence, Dr. Clark Buckner, well-known Disciple minister and writer, is acting director of evangelism in the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society.

John Wycliffe Black British Churchman Dies

LEICESTER, ENG. — John Wycliffe Black, president of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ in 1935 and international churchman, died at his home here June 18 at the age of 89. He was a shoe manufacturer but his deepest life interest was religion. His last trip to the United States was to attend the World Convention at Buffalo in 1947, and he was planning to attend the 1952 Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

Churchmen Consider Agricultural Policy

HAVERFORD, PA.—Churchmen, including farm operators and officials of the National Grange, Farm Bureau Federation, Farmers Union and other agricultural organizations, met here in a conference on the church and agricultural policy. The conference was sponsored by the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council, and was the first of its kind ever to be held.

Church members, the conference concluded, have a three-fold responsibility towards agriculture: (1) to know the meaning of the Christian faith and its requirement to build the Christian community in and through agriculture, (2) to be informed of their relation to, and the importance of, agricultural policy in our nation and the world, and (3) to exercise their influence in the application of the Christian faith to agricultural policy, as citizens, as neighbors and as members of farm organizations and of churches.

Town and Country Church Convocation in Portland

PORTLAND, ORE.—Problems of migrant labor, religious education in rural areas and youth's role in the country church are among the topics to be considered at the eighth annual National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country here Oct. 30-Nov. 1. The Convocation is sponsored by the Division of Home Missions of the National Council through its

Department of the Town and Country Church.

Calvin Schnucker of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, will address the final session on "The Town and Country Church in the National and International Crisis—What Should We Emphasize in Our Programs?" Harry Atkins, Disciple minister of Dufur, Ore., will lead a panel on "Youth's Contributions to Town and Country Churches."

Dugan Heads Newswriters

CINCINNATI. (RNS).—George Dugan, church editor of the *New York Times,* was elected president of the Religious Newswriters Association at its annual meeting here. He succeeds Frank Stewart of the *Cleveland Press.*

Caspar Nannes of the *Washington Star* was named vice-president, and Jo-Ann Price of the *Milwaukee Journal* was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Negroes Enter Full Fellowship

CHICAGO. (RNS). —The Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has admitted two Negro congregations into full membership. Heretofore Negro congregations and missions were under the supervision of the Board for Negro Missions.

The two congregations admitted are St. Philip Lutheran Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church, both in Chicago. These congregations have full membership with the right to vote at church conventions and hold office in the district.

Scriptures Circulate In China in 1950

NEW YORK.—The American Bible Society recently announced at its 135th annual meeting here that 718,977 volumes of the Scriptures were circulated in China during 1950. "To those who take for granted that the 'turnover' accomplished in China just before the year 1950 began would spell the immediate cessation of all Scripture distribution there," the annual report said, "it comes as a grateful surprise that the Society's circulation in China fell only from 965,480 volumes in 1940 to 718,977 in 1950, and that the distribution of whole Bibles actually advanced from 31,579 to 33,245.

"At present, everything necessary for the production of the physical Bible, Testament and portions—including paper, cloth and leather binding materials—is available in China; and we can now say the Chinese Bible is an 'all-China Book,'" stated the report.

Women Gain Place In Church Councils

LAKE GENEVA, WIS.—The growing number of women executives of state and city councils of churches was one of the trends in evidence at the four-day meeting of the Association of Council secretaries at Conference Point Camp here. In the past few years the number of women executives has grown to 18 out of more than 200 paid executives of church councils.

Of the women executives attending the conference, the dean of them all was Miss Gertrude L. Apel of Seattle, now beginning her 21st year as general secretary of the combined Washington - Northern Idaho and Seattle Councils of Churches. She is past president of the Association and the only one of the women executives who is also a minister.

Beneath the Spire

FRED D. SAWYER, 53, pastor at Bloomfield, Iowa, holds A.B. and B.D. degrees from Drake University . . . he and wife Alice Helen have four children living, one dead; twin daughters each have twins; daughter, Virginia (Mrs. John L. McCurdy), wife of Mitchellville, Iowa, pastor; son, Willard Sawyer . . . former pastorates at Ladysmith, Wis.; Hollandale, Minn.; Bondurant and Estherville, Iowa . . . Army Chaplain three years with 20 months transport duty in Pacific Theater . . . president Bloomfield Adult Night School, Davis County Social Welfare Board; member, United Christian Missionary Society board of managers, Iowa State Board . . . reads at least one book weekly; favorite reading, history, devotional materials.

Mr. Sawyer

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MARIE ELMORE (MRS. O. PECK) BAXTER, member First Christian Church, Pulaski, Va., is district secretary of Virginia Christian Women's Fellowship, president Pulaski Council Church Women, secretary of local Woman's Club and county T. B. Association . . . born at Snowville, Va., where she was member of historic Cypress Grove Church, and where she was Sunday school teacher, pianist, youth leader . . . graduate Radford (Va.) State Teachers' College . . . taught school 14 years in Snowville . . . only child died at birth in 1946 . . . contributor of short stories, poetry, articles and devotional material to magazines . . . wrote 1951 Easter Week of Prayer services for CWF . . . never writes until all reading material in house is exhausted . . . as rapid reader is an eager library patron . . . likes children, dogs, cooking, murder mysteries, storms.

Mrs. Baxter

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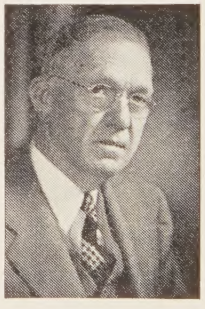
CHURCHMAN first of all is ALBERT H. MARTIN, 73, layman of Central Christian Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . chairman Michigan's Crystal Beach Assembly grounds since start in 1918; led in establishing and developing . . . treasurer, Michigan Christian Missionary Society since 1917 . . . trustee United Christian Missionary Society and chairman local church board more than 25 years . . . Hiram College trustee . . . YMCA director many years . . . established retail clothing business in Grand Rapids in 1910, building into Martin Stores chain in Michigan, other states . . . he and wife, Harriet, parents of son, Harry A., and daughter, Mary Kay (Mrs. Robert K.) Payette; grandparents of six grandchildren . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martin never miss an International Convention of Disciples . . . he reads corporation financial reports for pleasure, is modest, generous steward with many benefactions known to only a few people.



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Wise Leadership Is Assured

THE coming of A. Dale Fiers to the presidency of The United Christian Missionary Society is good news. A man in his middle forties, Dr. Fiers brings to the office both maturity and vigor. Coming from the pastorate of a great city church and with earlier experience as minister in communities of varying size, he knows well the problems of the churches.

Along with his rich pastoral background Dr. Fiers brings to his work an understanding of world problems and a sensitiveness to human needs. His record of achievement and the honors that have come to him have left him wholly unspoiled. He is a man of humility. He possesses courage. He is committed to his task. Disciples of Christ and others hail Dr. Fiers's coming to the United Society as assuring wise and vigorous leadership for this important organization to which the churches have committed so much of their program of world outreach.

Responsibility Goes with Freedom

A FREE press is an essential safeguard to democratic life. One of the most serious threats to a free press in America today is found, not in control by government, but in the growth of mergers and chains which leave communities dependent on the intelligence and integrity or the want of intelligence and integrity of a single control. Competition is needed for a free press. Lack of competition puts a serious strain on the best intentions of the publisher.

St. Louis, Missouri, has for years been known for the high quality of its three daily newspapers, the morning *Globe-Democrat,* and the evening *Post Dispatch,* and *Star-Times.* All three have been respected in the newspaper world for their wide and fair coverage of the news and for the vigor of their differing editorial policies.

A year ago last spring the world's oldest school of journalism at the University of Missouri presented an award to the *Star-Times* publisher, Elzey Roberts, for distinguished service in journalism. At that time Mr. Roberts made this comment:

"The trend toward monopoly situations is growing at such a rate that if it is not stopped it may change the whole complexion of American journalism."

Thirteen months later, in June of this year, Mr. Roberts announced that rising costs had caused him to decide to sell his paper to the *Post-Dispatch.* Thus a long-honored name in journalism passes into history. And the question as to the future of independent journalism becomes increasingly more serious.

The wisest newspapermen feel that the only remedy for this unfortunate situation lies in a deeper sense of public responsibility among publishers themselves. Publishers can regard the power they hold as something purely personal or they may look upon it as a public trust. They can "slant" the news to fit their own prejudices or they can honestly try to give their readers a full, fair picture of what is really happening. They can concentrate on developing new patterns of manipulation and control or they can choose to live by the rich traditions of journalism at its best.

The threat of socially irresponsible manipulators in journalism is real. They can do much harm. If they persevere in the selfish course many are following they will continue to endanger the democratic way of life. And they will bring upon the press at large the public scorn which they alone deserve. The freedom of the press is in the hands of the press.

Look to the Ministry

THE period of October 14-21 will be observed by many churches of Disciples of Christ as the Week of the Ministry. This is a good time for a self-appraisal on the part of every congregation. Each church will do well to review what it has done through the years and to ask what it is doing now to bring its young men and women to serious consideration of the Christian ministry as a life calling. Another obligation is to face up to the question of whether the support the church is now giving to its ministry is adequate. A third requirement should be to check on the participation of both church and minister in the Pension Plan. The Week of the Ministry can thus be a time of deep spiritual meaning for the church and its ministry

What Is Free Speech?

THERE is a vast difference in concepts of freedom of expression held in the United States and in other countries regarded as "democracies."

In the United States a Senator or a bootblack can charge the head of a foreign government or even the President of the United States with almost whatever delinquency he will and nothing is likely to happen to him.

Not so in Italy. There, where the 1929 Lateran treaty protects the Pope from such attack, David Lajolo, Communist editor, was given an eight months' suspended sentence for criticizing the Roman Catholic Church for permitting in a church the marriage of Movie Actor Tyrone Power, a divorcee. In suspending the sentence, the court warned that the editor must write no more articles "offensive to the honor and prestige of the Sovereign Pontiff, chief of a sovereign state."

A similar sentence went to Parliament Member Laura Diaz for holding the Pope responsible for war in Greece and Palestine and saying that Holy Water could not wash away the blood that had been shed in those two countries.

Most of us prefer the American idea of free speech, even with its frequent breeches of good taste. Better still, we might wish for greater self-restraint on the part of critics in the United States and for a little more freedom of frank and critical discussion of events of the day in Italy.

"Fellowship in Christian Sharing"

EVEN before the World Council of Churches was formally organized in 1948, it was carrying on important work in the field of reconstruction, relief and interchurch aid. This program continues in the Council's Department of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees.

A remarkably comprehensive statement of this work was issued recently under the title, "Fellowship in Sharing." The forty pages of this booklet include the story of the effort *"to further, on an ecumenical basis, all practical help which the churches may extend to each other."* It tells, not only of the principles of operation, but also describes special aspects of the work, such as the health program, aid to pastors, training of tomorrow's leaders, youth work, evangelism, service to refugees and aid to the impoverished Orthodox churches of eastern and southern Europe.

This program has done far more than aid the needy. It has also helped create a new understanding of the meaning of Christian fellowship.

To the Geneva office of the World Council an Orthodox professor from *Yugoslavia* wrote:

"At the very moment when everything looked so black, our people received new courage and practical assistance. Help came from the World Council of Churches. The church in Yugoslavia will never forget that. People were hungry and cold—food and clothes came. Support was provided for the training of pastors."

From *Austria* a Protestant pastor wrote:

"The fact that these gifts were sent without any consideration of denominational limits has been a great encouragement, and will more and more strengthen our faith."

We remind readers that Disciples of Christ share in this work through the Week of Compassion.

A Needed Ministry

INQUIRIES of H. B. McCormick, who retired from the presidency of The United Christian Missionary Society on June 30, bring the welcome information that his ministry to the churches is to be continued in a manner for which he is especially well qualified.

Both in the pastorate and as a national administrator, Dr. McCormick has been known for his spiritual insights and his rare ability to enter intimately into the problems of other people. These gifts have come from his genuine interest in and concern for people as people. Recognizing these qualities, a number of pastors and local church leaders have asked him to come to them for periods of service in which he will counsel with them and lead them in facing up to the needs and opportunities of their communities. These requests have not been for any single type of intensive ministry, such as evangelistic, stewardship or missionary education or organization. The variety of the requests attests to the fact that people sense the fact that the spiritual and personal approach is essential to the facing up to any and all of the problems of the church.

Dr. and Mrs. McCormick will make their home in Indianapolis at 27 S. Downey Avenue. It is good to know that from time to time they will continue their effective ministry among churches aware of the need for the deeply spiritual service they are so capable of rendering. This is a needed ministry.

Attend an Area Assembly

THE seventeen Area Assemblies of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ will bring to many members of churches in these widely scattered sections of the United States and Canada an opportunity for fellowship, conference and inspiration which they have never had before. Many more people will attend these Assemblies than are ever able to be present at one of the annual meetings of the International Convention. The programs will vary in the areas, according to plans made by national and area leaders together. A major purpose of the Area Assemblies will be to launch the Long Range Program.

We wish that every reader of WORLD CALL might find it possible to attend the Assembly nearest him. On page 25 of this issue there appears a story of the Assemblies and a complete listing of them. Other announcements will be found in state and local papers. It is time *now* to plan to attend an Area Assembly. To participate in this fellowship will be to know more fully "The Assurance of Things Hoped For."

Great Expectations

By JACK FINEGAN*

IF we enter the Christian ministry, much will be expected of us. A church board in Florida, seeking a minister, once wrote the following to a denominational leader:

"We need a pastor. I hope you can recommend the man we need. We want a young man, for the duties of our church are strenuous. But we don't want one who is too young and has no background of experience, and whose ideas are immature. We can't consider an old man. He must be a good preacher, for this is a tourist town, and we compete for attendance. He must also be a good pastor, because many elderly people move to Florida and expect to have the attention of their pastor. We want a man with a family, but he can't have too many children, because the manse is not very large. We want a man who is thoroughly orthodox, but not too strict in his views. He must be willing to be satisfied with a fairly small salary, for our church is struggling. In short, we want a well-rounded man who will unite the discordant elements and help us build a greater church."

Eventually an answer came back, phrased as follows:

"My Dear Brother .....:

"At the present I can't think of any man who fills the description of the man you want. Perhaps if the Apostle Paul were living, he might fill most of the qualifications. But even he was a little short in stature.

"Yours very truly,"[1]

Jesus himself said to his disciples, "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more." Much is given to us in a call to the ministry, and in preparation for that vocation. It is natural that much will be expected of us.

A very large demand upon the minister is that he shall speak to the same people on the same subject every Sunday. What an almost incredible and appalling assignment this is! Those who speak on the same subject usually change their audiences. The lecturer travels and constantly appears before new groups. The professor stays in one place, but the students move through his classes. Those who speak to the same audience usually change their subjects. The radio announcer introduces a variety of talent.

The Demands of Preaching

The minister, however, stays in one place, his own church. He addresses one group, his own congregation. He speaks on one subject, the gospel. And he is expected to do this every Sunday. The fact that this is difficult is attested by the various proposals to modify it. Some have suggested a moratorium on preaching. Others feel that the minister ought to give book reviews. And others would at least limit and reduce the number of sermons which he is to give. Rather than preaching once a week, the minister might preach only once a month. By the same logic, he might preach only once a quarter, once a year, or once in a lifetime! Certainly much is expected of us to speak weekly within a single fellowship and on a single theme.

Understanding People

A minister is also expected to help all kinds of people with all kinds of problems. This too runs contrary to much of the thought of our day as to what is really possible. The trend in our time is toward specialization. Doctors are now so specialized that many will by no means touch a portion of the anatomy which does not belong to their special province. Even union labor narrowly draws the line of responsibility. As for the minister, there doubtless will be some things which he can do better than others. Nevertheless, it remains true that he will be expected to help a great variety of people with a great variety of problems. The alcoholic and the psychopathic will come to him. The sick and the well will be his concern. The sad and the happy will expect him to share in their situations. The little children and the aged people will look to him.

A minister is also expected to be true to the past and the future. He is a priestly preserver of the priceless heritage from the past. He is also a prophet of a better future. If he abandons the wisdom of the past for the sake of hurrying into the future, he is foolish. If he sacrifices progress for the sake of adherence to the outmoded, he is a poor leader.

The Intellectual Challenge

If we enter the ministry, we may expect the unexpected. We may expect a great sufficiency of resources for preaching. The assignment to preach every Sunday is a very hard one, but the resources are amazingly abundant. The very fact of being under the necessity of speaking each week is a great stimulus. A beloved leader of Disciples who administers missionary affairs has written an article, "This I Miss." He refers to the compensations and rewards of the work which he does, but then tells of things which he misses as compared with life in the pastorate. He says:

"I miss the intellectual challenge of preparing one or more sermons a week. I preach frequently—until recently, an average of ten to twelve times a month—but I use the same sermons or addresses repeatedly. Of course, I write new ones—but not every week."[2]

The minister who must speak every Sunday not only has a very great intellectual challenge, he also benefits from the scrutiny of the saints. Paul calls the church members "saints." D. Elton Trueblood has remarked

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[2]**The Christian-Evangelist**, December 13, 1950. Quoted by permission of the editor.

that the expert in religion is the saint, and that in this field the amateur is as likely to be the expert as the professional, or even more so. In his book on *The Knowledge of God* he says:

> "In scientific matters we rightly put our trust in the professional researcher. . . .
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> "In religion, however, the situation is sharply reversed. The finest religious insights have commonly occurred in the minds of religious amateurs. . . .
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> "As science becomes more professionalized it advances, but whenever religion is professionalized it is degraded. . . . It is the saint, not the scribe or priest, who is the religious expert. The very fact that the scribe and priest have a certain dignity to maintain, and that religion is their means of support, tends to dim their eyes in spiritual matters. Sometimes a professional theologian has also been recognized as a saint, but the combination is difficult."[3]

We who have specialized and professionalized must bring our message to the ordinary people, and the test will be whether it meets their needs. Among them the saints will instinctively and immediately recognize whether our word is authentic.

In the Scriptures, furthermore, we will have an inexhaustible reserve. The word of Jesus will be fulfilled: "Every scribe who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." Thus we may expect to have the privilege of drawing upon very great resources when we undertake the very demanding task of preaching.

Again, as we endeavor to help people with problems, we may expect to find unexpected resources within the people themselves. We speak nowadays of nondirective counseling. This suggests that the counselor is not going to answer the question, solve the problem, and provide the power for the other person. Rather, the answer to the question can be found within the person who is asking it. The person himself has the power to solve the problem, if only that power can be released. The counselor's task is to bring understanding, sympathy, and a measure of guidance as the person himself explores his situation and comes to victory in it.

Resources in Every Congregation

Similarly there are doubtless unexpected and untapped resources in every congregation. It is not the task of the minister, nor of the minister's wife to do everything that is to be done in the church. They have their work, but so have all the members and friends of the church. If they do their part they may confidently expect that a multitude of other people will rise to play their respective roles.

The Apostle Paul long ago pointed out that the church is like the human body, in which there are many members with many varying functions. When the gospel is preached, and the work of the kingdom exalted, then people may be counted upon to believe and respond, and their contributions and services will often be unexpectedly great. John R. Mott perhaps had this in mind when he said of one minister, "He regarded his parish as a force to be wielded, and not just as a field to be cultivated."

We may also expect support, even for prophets. The prophet whose eyes are upon the future will often be misunderstood. Indeed, Jesus said, "Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets." Nevertheless, there is at least a measure of willingness now to let those speak who are seeking sincerely and humbly to point the way to a better world, even though their words are at variance with the opinions of many.

Keeping a Free Pulpit

One church and minister in the recent *Christian Century* series on "Great Churches in America" afford encouraging illustration of this fact. The editors of the *Century* pointed out that one element of the church's strength was its free pulpit: "By its sturdy insistence on the practice of religious liberty, it is serving the highest traditions of American Protestantism." The officers of this church know that the minister is a pacifist, and they know that a majority of the members of the church do not hold that view. Nevertheless, they insist that their minister shall be free to express his conviction, and on that he takes them at their word. There is still firm resistance to his ideas, "but nobody any longer questions his right to hold and express them." The church is proud to stand for a free pulpit and religious liberty. "Of these precious things" the minister "has become something of a symbol. At the same time his modest bearing and his complete willingness to accord to the other man the freedom he claims for himself, strengthens the fine relations of mutual aid and respect."[4]

Attempt Great Things for God

Finally, if we enter the Christian ministry, our greatest expectations will not be great enough. Does not the apostolic benediction declare that God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think?" The outreach and ultimate result may far exceed the best that we can imagine. Joseph Parker has remarked that the man who preached to Carey had the millions of India in his congregation.

Similarly when a man was preaching in London and a young doctor named Grenfell slipped into the back seat, the people of Labrador were waiting for the word which was spoken. When J. E. K. Studd spoke at Cornell University on the theme, "Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not," and a freshman named John R. Mott came to the meeting, the students of the whole world were in the congregation. When Ichabod Simmons preached in New York and a young Danish immigrant named Jacob Riis came to church, the slums of the whole city were waiting.

Carey himself preached the sermon which launched the modern missionary movement on the text in the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah: "Enlarge the place of thy tent . . . lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." With him we may attempt great things for God and expect great things of God.

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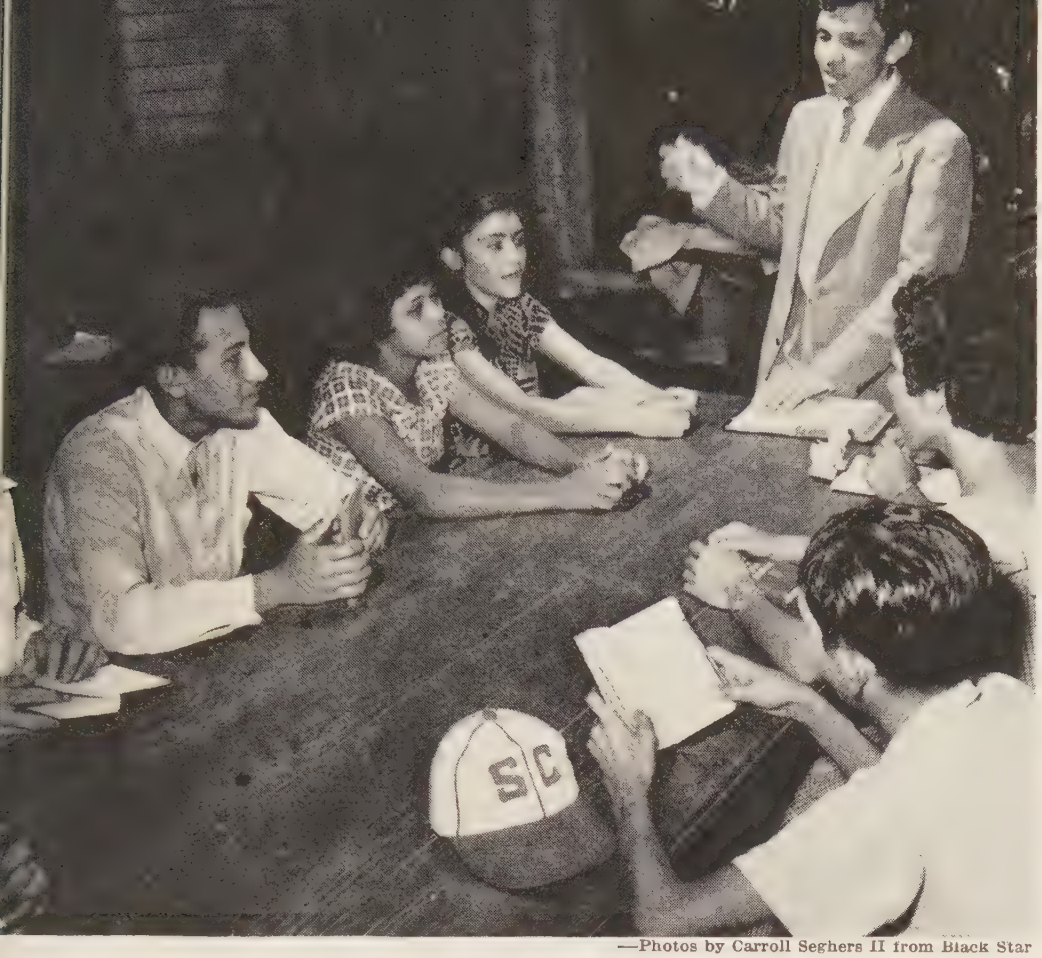

Luis del Pilar, Disciple student at Union Evangelical Theological Seminary in Rio Piedras, teaches a Sunday school class. The Bibles are in Spanish.

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Puerto Rico
—*a Fair and Fruitful Field*

By W. E. GARRISON*

WITHOUT professing more than a visitor's acquaintance, I beg to report some observations during a recent month in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. I saw the scenery, of course, which looked more like the pictures in the travel folders than most scenery does, and enjoyed the climate, which quite reconciled me to the deprivation of missing a March in Chicago. But these are things that can be passed without comment, since no few or restrained words would be adequate. My primary interest was in the human side, especially in the state of religion in these islands, and particularly though not exclusively in the work of the Disciples of Christ.

To indicate the limits of my observation it may be said that in Puerto Rico I lectured at the Union Evangelical Theological Seminary, the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras and the Polytechnic Institute at San German (which is really a Presbyterian four-year liberal arts college), preached in churches of five denominations in eight cities and towns, spent a day in conference with twenty Disciple ministers at McLean Conference Grounds and an afternoon with all the ministers of Ponce and vicinity, and spoke before a Rotary club, a nurses training school, a Scout executive committee luncheon in honor of Lady Baden-Powell, and various university student groups. The score was twenty-four speeches in twenty-one days in Puerto Rico.

The intervals were filled with visits and conversation and driving through memorable but indescribable scenery. Dr. Hugh J. Williams, Disciple representative on the Union Seminary faculty, made my schedule and saw that I kept it. As taskmaster, chauffeur, guide, companion, professor, liaison officer and fountain of miscellaneous information, he is superb. Bob Nelson and his wife did much the same for us in Jamaica, but I cannot go into that, for I had only five busy days there, and the conditions and problems in the two islands are very different.

Closed to Protestantism Until 1898

Until 1898, Puerto Rico was a closed and guarded preserve for the Roman Catholic Church, which had completely gone to seed. Under Spanish rule, no Protestant church was permitted to exist. The only exception was an English Episcopal church at Ponce, on the south coast. Queen Victoria had insisted that one

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Dr. Hugh J. Williams and two Disciple ministerial students at Union Seminary visit with patients in the tuberculosis sanatorium. At right, faculty members are Angel M. Mergal, Baptist (left); Jose A. Cardona, Presbyterian; Domingo Marrero, Methodist; Florencio Saez, Congregationalist; and Hugh J. Williams, Disciple, in front of the administration building.

Anglican church be allowed by treaty, for English residents. This was reluctantly granted on condition that services should be only in the English language (which almost no Puerto Rican understood), and that there should be no publicity or propaganda of any kind. The church could not even look like a church or make a noise like a church. Friends in England sent out a bell, but permission to ring it was refused. The bell hung silent for twenty-five years. When American troops landed in 1898 at Guanica Bay, a few miles west of Ponce, the native sexton of this church seized the bell rope and sounded the note of freedom. The bell is now kept in an honored and rather conspicuous place, and is called "the liberty bell of Puerto Rico." Its first, though not its full, message was one of religious liberty.

Protestant Missions Enter

Protestant missionaries moved in, Disciples among them, in 1899. They did not come to "disturb the faith," as the phrase sometimes goes, of a devout and contented Catholic people. They came to fill a religious vacuum. The Catholic churches were all in the larger towns, but the people lived mostly in the hills and were religiously destitute. They had neither instruction nor the sacraments. Thousands had never been in a church. Thousands had neglected the inconvenient and expensive formality of marriage, without thereby hindering the increase of the population. The Protestant missionaries took to the hills, where they had an open field, but they did not neglect the towns either.

Disciples in the North

After a period of some confusion and overlapping, comity arrangements were entered into by five communions. Under this agreement, a definite section of the island was assigned to each, with the understanding that the larger cities—San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez—were open to all. This has worked well. Disciples have a compact and populous area of something like fifty by twenty miles along the north shore, lying mostly westward from San Juan. Within this district there are forty-two churches. Nearly half of these are entirely self-supporting. In view of the economic conditions in the island, this is an achievement made possible only by a spirit of real sacrifice.

In providing church buildings, aid from outside has supplemented the local effort, but in many cases the men of a congregation have put their own labor as well as their contributions into the construction. Native preachers with B. D. degrees have been known to wheel sand, pour cement and wield a paint brush.

Puerto Rico presents the interesting and unusual phenomenon of a traditionally Roman Catholic region in which most of the Roman Catholic clergy are foreigners and all the Protestant pastors are natives. I say *all,* with allowance for one or two possible exceptions that I did not hear about. This is heartening in view of the fact that in the Latin countries, both American and European, Roman Catholic propaganda always represents Protestantism as an imported and alien religion, an ideological foreign invasion to be resisted in the name of patriotism, and something inherently inconsistent with the "Latin temperament." No one can say that with a straight face in Puerto Rico.

Disciple Work Bears Fruit

Most Disciples would, I think, be surprised to see how *solid* our work in Puerto Rico is, and gratified to know that this is true of the Protestant work generally. Other favorable adjectives could be used but this one needs to be emphasized. The enterprise has body and substance. There is nothing frothy about it. Or, to change the figure, it has deep roots and a strong trunk, and it is bearing fruit.

As to our own work, this is largely due to the kind of leadership it has had—the Mortons, the Williamses and the Farmers, to mention only those whom I know personally. It is due no less to the quality of the native leadership that has been enlisted and trained—and the fact that it has been well trained—and to the quick responsiveness of the people.

The emphasis has been upon education, evangelism and cooperation. Cooperation among the principal communions has gone far beyond the comity arrangement that keeps them from getting in one another's

Christian Women's Fellowship leaders discuss Spanish translations of program materials. At right, two teen-age girls who care for the library at McLean Conference Grounds open shipment of new books.

way. The most potent feature of it is the Union Evangelical Theological Seminary in Rio Piedras, a city as close to San Juan as Oak Park is to Chicago and about the same size. The seminary is supported by the Disciples, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians. Of its faculty of six scholarly men, four have their Ph. D.'s (three from Columbia, one from Cornell), and four of the six (including three of the four) are native Puerto Ricans.

Standards Are High

In the three-year B.D. course there are between thirty-five and forty students about equally divided among the three classes. Those who have not quite completed their undergraduate work are doing so, on the side, in the magnificent University of Puerto Rico, the main gate of which is only two blocks from the seminary. The seminary has a beautiful campus but it greatly needs a new administration and classroom building and a new dormitory.

In lecturing to these seminary students and holding conferences with them, I found that I could treat them exactly as I would treat graduate students in any university. Half of the Protestant pastors in Puerto Rico are graduates of this seminary, and a great majority of the other half have taken some work in it. This accounts for the remarkably high level of intelligence among the ministers as I met them collectively at McLean and Ponce, and many of them individually in their churches and homes.

Strong Note of Evangelism

The note of evangelism is strongly stressed. These Puerto Rico Protestants believe they have something that others need, and they do not hesitate to say so. In fifty-two years their numbers have increased from practically zero to about 200,000. Just now the churches generally, including those of the Disciples of Christ, seem to be in a phase of unusually rapid expansion. For example: One Sunday morning I preached at a church in San Juan that was organized ten years ago with eight members (or eight years ago with ten, I forget which) and now has over 350. The house was packed, as every church was at every service. That afternoon twenty people were baptized (not as the result of my preaching, you understand).

I was not present in that afternoon meeting because I had driven thirty miles west to Vega Alta where there was a baptismal service (five candidates) in a river, with a tall thin waterfall tumbling down the cliff on the opposite bank. Then on farther west to Manati, where I preached that night to as many people as could get into the church and some who couldn't but crowded around the doors and windows, and had three confessions—three men. The churches are really growing, and the impact of the gospel on Puerto Rico is seen in many ways.

Each Sermon a Proclamation

Our Puerto Rican churches are fervently evangelical and audibly responsive in an emotional way that surprises many visiting Disciples. Perhaps it is the "Latin temperament," or perhaps some now forgotten influence started them on this mode of behavior. Whatever the reason, many members of most congregations break forth with frequent ejaculations of "Amen!", "Alleluia!", *"Gracias a Dios!"* Prayer, Scripture reading and sermon are thus punctuated. Alien as this is to my own habit, it soon came to give me a feeling of warmth and support, as though the sermon, like the singing, were the act of the whole church and were its proclamation, not merely mine.

The first time I preached after coming back home, and had no such "audience participation," it felt a little as though I were preaching in a vacuum. In any case, one cannot believe that this is an empty emotionalism when one finds that in some of our churches the principal preaching service is held Sunday evening and that on Sunday morning, when there is normally no sermon, the entire church—men, women and children—meets in classes from nine-thirty until noon for Bible study.

Facing Open Doors

The United Christian Missionary Society in Its Annual Meeting Faces the Future

THE United Christian Missionary Society opened its annual meeting June 20 with a commissioning service for thirteen young missionaries in Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walter Adams, Miss Marjorie Anne Hill and Miss Elizabeth Adeline Smiley will serve in India. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall F. Gilchrist, after a year in language school in Costa Rica, will go to Paraguay. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer Huff and Mr. and Mrs. Austin McRaven Warner go to Japan. Miss Carolyn Ellen Watkins is going to the Belgian Congo. The two home missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Young, begin their service at Yakima Indian Christian Mission in White Swan, Washington.

Special Choir

A unique feature of the service was the *a cappella* choir of candidates and twenty-five missionary volunteers, who had been accepted by the Society in the June meeting of the board of trustees. The choir, directed by Mrs. Howard Huff, sang "God So Loved the World" from Stainer's *The Crucifixion.*

The commissioning service was symbolic of the attitude of the Society throughout its business sessions, called to meet in Indianapolis since the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ is not holding a general assembly this year. In keeping with the plans of Disciples for the Long Range Program of the next decade, the United Society sessions put emphasis on the open doors it finds in a confused world rather than on its accomplishments.

Surveying Today's Opportunity

In the morning session June 21 Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive secretary in the foreign division, reported conditions in Latin America as she found them during a recent trip. Willard M. Wickizer, executive secretary for the division of home missions, reviewed the conditions he found in his visitation of churches in New Zealand and Australia.

Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice-president of the Society, presided over the panel discussion, "The Society Faces Open Doors."

Virgil A. Sly, chairman of the foreign division, sketched quickly the tremendous missionary opportunity presented America and particularly the United Society by a world fearful of war and eager for a solution. Mr. Sly listed needs in every field served by the foreign division. He said that tension in Asia had forced the China Mission into full maturity. Chinese Christians no longer need consider themselves part of a mission field. They are in full fellowship with the Body of Christ around the world, and although physical means of communication have been cut off, that most powerful communion of prayer can be richly maintained. Mr. Sly concluded by saying that the greatest challenge to the churches in America is presented by the thousand young people who are ready to be prepared and sent to teach and live the gospel. It is estimated that it will take $300,000 to prepare this group to adequately serve the peoples of the world.

The Needs in the Home Field

Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary of the department of resources, reported on the open doors in the home field. More than 27,000,000 children in the United States have no contact with any formal religious training. These children, youth and students in colleges and universities present themselves as challenges at the very doorsteps of American churches. Mr. Austin said that the growing department of men's work can well be the spark plug to bring the full man power of the church into active service. "The heartbeat of the gospel of Christ is its pioneering spirit," said Mr. Austin.

Miss Trout in summarizing the panel discussion said that an effective program for building a Christian world is built by (1) getting to the open doors in time —with young people who are properly trained, (2) knowing how to enter, and (3) then having what it takes to stay.

H. B. McCormick, retiring president of the Society, presented the forward look for missionary enterprise in saying that God must be put in the center of civilization. Only a recognition that "all are brothers" can stop wars and the decay of human life at its best.

Election of a New President

In the business session A. Dale Fiers, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected president to succeed Dr. McCormick (see opposite page). Dr. Fiers was the only candidate presented by the nominating committee and was elected by acclamation. In his acceptance speech Dr. Fiers said that only his reliance on strength from God encouraged him to undertake such responsibility. He said that the competence and consecration of the staff and the fact that the Society is the creature of the local churches are the factors that enable a man to undertake so great a task.

Mrs. C. F. Close of Illinois, Elmer D. Hensen of Texas, and Rex Murphy of Colorado were new members elected to the board of trustees of the Society. Forty new members of the board of managers were chosen.

The presiding officers and the speakers who appeared before the Society stood before Holman Hunt's picture of the Christ knocking at the door. The opportunities of opening the doors of the world to the Christian message are legion. The United Society faced its open doors in the annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Dale Fiers and their children, Barbara Louise and Alan Dale.

The Work Is in Good Hands

By H. B. McCORMICK*

ON September 1, A. Dale Fiers, pastor of the historic Euclid Avenue Christian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, assumes his responsibilities as fifth president of The United Christian Missionary Society. He was elected in the annual meeting of the Society held on June 21 in the Third Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. In his seconding speech, Dr. Perry E. Gresham stated that the nominating committee presented his name because of the many requests which came from all sections of the country.

As a young man, Dr. Fiers developed a wholesome balance between physical vigor, mental alertness and spiritual insight, and was told by a mature friend that if he maintained this attitude throughout his ministry he would develop a life which would become very useful to the Master. This prophecy has been fulfilled.

He comes to the work a man of tested leadership. While still a comparatively young man, he was chosen to lead the historic Euclid Avenue Christian Church in Cleveland, where his predecessor, Dr. Jacob Goldner, had a notable ministry of forty-four years. His success in this church was so marked that he was elected to the presidency of the Greater Cleveland Church Federation, and to membership on many state and national boards, including the chairmanship of the Commission on Education of Ohio.

He has been a member of the Ohio State Board, a trustee of Bethany College, the Board of Higher Education, a trustee of the United Society, and chairman of the board of managers of the Society. He was a member of the Committee of Thirty-three which organized the Council of Agencies, and was chairman of the findings committee which drew up the report of that committee for the International Convention. The services which he rendered in these and other capacities endeared him to our brotherhood.

His admirable scholastic training includes an A. B. degree from historic Bethany College, which contributed the president of our first national missionary society, a B. D. from Yale University, and much supplemental work. Bethany honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. More important still, he has kept abreast of the best thought of our time.

Interested in people irrespective of their race, training or position in life, he has a cordial personality which opens the way to the development of rich friendships.

He is a man of deep spiritual character and has had a close walk with the Master through group and private prayer. God has endowed him with many talents and few men have used more effectively the gifts which have been entrusted to them. He also has the advantage of a magnificent physique which made him a star on the varsity football in his college days.

The United Society which he will lead is unique among national Protestant boards in that it combines work in foreign missions, home missions and Christian education in one administrative organization. Through this Society the churches of Disciples of Christ employ over three thousand workers across America and around the world.

We read in the early chapters of the Bible that it is not good for man to be alone. That is true not only in the home, but in Christian leadership as well. Dr. Fiers's life companion is a gracious lady of ability, insight and education. It will mean much to all of us that he has her by his side. They have two lovely children, a daughter, Barbara Louise, aged fifteen, and a son, Alan Dale, Jr., aged twelve.

In laying down this work I am enthusiastic for its future in his hands. The prayers and dedicated support of a great brotherhood will be with him as he leads us in this world embracing enterprise. The work is in good hands.

*Dr. McCormick retired from the presidency of The United Christian Missionary Society June 30.

Big City Gets a New Church

The Frontier of the Church Is at the City's Edge

By LYLE V. NEWMAN

Editorial Note: *Mr. Newman is the national director of the urban church in the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society. In* World Call, *October, 1949, Mr. Newman presented the problems of the church in "Epistles from Big City." The current home mission theme is "Churches for Our Country's Needs." Here in this fictitious story Mr. Newman tells the true solution to one area of our country's needs.*

THE quarterly meeting of the Christian Church Union of Big City was in progress. Representatives were present from all of the seventeen Christian churches. The committee chairmen had presented their reports. Two future cooperative projects had been discussed and the treasurer's report had been approved. Now, the meeting was rapidly drawing to a close.

"We have finished our discussion of the last item on the agenda," said George Buckley, the chairman. "Are there any other items that should be brought to our attention before the meeting is adjourned?"

Judge Crawford rose slowly from his place near the aisle and began to walk toward the front. "Mr. Chairman," he said as he faced the group, "there is a matter of great importance that I believe should be brought to the attention of all of us. Yesterday in the course of my day's work I had occasion to drive out to the new Rosewood addition. I haven't been out there for six months and I was amazed at the rapid growth that has taken place. So fascinated was I by the picture of this budding new suburb that I drove around for more than an hour. Houses have sprung up in every direction! Why, I counted more than fifty partially built houses in little more than a mile! And that new shopping center—almost every major company in the city is establishing a branch out there!"

With a hint of the courtroom in his manner the judge paused, letting his gaze rest on first one then another of the group before him. At length he continued, "But there is one thing wrong with the picture I saw in Rosewood—I didn't find a church! I looked for a church and I thought I had found one—twice I thought I had found one. The first turned out to be the new Sears-Roebuck store—you can see the tower three blocks away. The second was a drive-in restaurant. It had a beautiful tower, too.

"I stopped to see Jack Downey, who is connected with the development company, to learn what I could about Rosewood. He told me this new project will have 17,000 homes when it is completed. They hope to finish construction by the end of the year. At present they are slightly behind schedule with 8,000 single homes and 1,500 apartment units completed. Most of these are already occupied and people are moving in at the rate of about seventy-five families each week."

The judge paused as he again surveyed the group. Then, in a strong calm voice which reminded his hearers of a coming storm, he continued:

"All these new homes and I couldn't find a church —not one church under construction. I have been wondering since yesterday if this fact is not a silent commentary upon the value judgments of our urban civil-

Cleveland Heights Christian Church, Buffalo, New York, was built in 1946. Seventeen churches of the Niagara Frontier underwrote part of the cost of the building after the church was established in 1945. The Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ extended a $25,000 loan, and the department of church development of The United Christian Missionary Society has provided part of the minister's salary. Churches to serve the need of growing urban population can be established with the proper planning.

The Skyline Boulevard Christian Church, Tacoma, Washington, dedicated October 1948, was started by the County Association of Christian Churches and the Washington Christian Missionary Society. Marion McQuary is pastor.

ization. But it can't be! Surely the church will take its rightful place in Rosewood!

"The important question at this point is, what are we—an association of Christian churches—going to do about Rosewood? Are we ready to overlook petty differences of opinion, rise above our natural concerns for our local congregations, and make the necessary sacrifices in order to build an adequate church to serve the thousands of families in this expanding suburb of Big City?"

An electric silence filled the room as the judge finished speaking. For several long moments no one said anything. No one moved. Then, as the chairman rose, old Dr. Criley, the judge's pastor, was on his feet.

"Mr. Chairman," he began in his deep voice, "Judge Crawford has brought an important matter to our attention which should merit our serious consideration. I am confident our churches will accept such a challenge. I suggest that we take the necessary steps to establish a new church in Rosewood and that we begin immediately."

"Would you care to make that suggestion as a motion?", asked George Buckley, the chairman.

"I so move," answered Dr. Criley, who in twenty years as pastor of Central Church had been the moving spirit in the establishment of many of the present churches of Big City.

Resolving Objections

There were objections, of course, as the motion was discussed. A lay representative of one of the smaller churches, whose neighbor had recently moved into Rosewood, was fearful that the cost of property would be prohibitive. Two pastors of suburban churches were in the midst of building campaigns. While they professed to be in favor of the proposed project they felt it should be delayed for at least a year.

A large majority, however, were in agreement with the judge and Dr. Criley so the motion passed without a dissenting vote. The committee on "church strategy" was asked to begin work immediately and to bring a report to the next meeting.

The following six months were crowded with activity. Working closely with the executive committee, the church strategy committee took its task seriously. Under the leadership of a representative of the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society, a survey of Rosewood was completed. As one result of the survey more than two hundred Disciple families were discovered. An allocation was obtained through the comity committee of the Council of Churches. A site was suggested during the survey and, later, arrangements were completed by the Christian Church Union for its purchase.

The first Sunday the new congregation met for worship after having held several preliminary meetings, 179 people were present. A theater in Rosewood offered a temporary meeting place. Dr. Criley preached for the church for the first few Sundays after which a very able younger pastor was persuaded to leave a successful pastorate in a neighboring state to become the first pastor of the new Rosewood Christian Church.

Helping the New Church

Through the Christian Church Union the churches of Big City underwrote the budget of the new church so that adequate financial resources would be available during the formative years. Judge Crawford led in securing sizable gifts from individuals throughout the city for the new building. These gifts together with a loan from the Board of Church Extension enabled the new congregation to move into their new building just eighteen months after their first meeting.

An atmosphere of spiritual triumph was in evidence on dedication day. Representatives of brotherhood agencies, ministers of churches of other communions and civic leaders joined with the Christian churches of Big City to celebrate the birth of a new church.

Dr. Criley gave expression to the silent utterances of all those present when he said:

"We have seen how the hopes and dreams and visions of a single Christian layman has started a chain-reaction of spiritual forces that will vitally affect the life of Big City. We have felt the glow of Christian fellowship as we have labored together in a common task. We have gained a larger appreciation of the resources which are ours through brotherhood agencies. It is our hope and prayer that the church will take its rightful place in all the Rosewoods of America."

WORLD CALL

The Cry of the People

Reports from the Field Are Full of the Cry of Many Peoples for the Good News

HOW to make too little reach the needs of countless thousands is the annual problem of the foreign division of The United Christian Missionary Society. In a recent publication to the churches, Virgil A. Sly, chairman of the division, wrote, "The foreign division has agreed on the basic policy that it will give priority in its consideration to the fields that are ready for advance." Every field is ready for advance, but the problem of the division is choosing where the effort goes when there are too few dollars to do the job. And there are too few dollars *now*.

The Congo

There was a time when the missionary went to the "black man" in the "heart of darkest Africa." Now the Congolese are conscious that their land has helped make other peoples rich, and they are asking, Why? They are not waiting for the white man to lead in the development of their organizations, but they welcome the bearer of "good news," when he gets there in time.

During 1950 there were nearly 5,000 baptisms in nearly 1,000 villages. Native preachers and laymen are being trained to care for the churches in the pastoral sense. Even though large company plantations have their own doctors, a steady stream of patients flows to every medical worker in every station.

If Congo's rapidly developing civilization is to be Christian, its need must be met *now*.

Puerto Rico

The fellowship of Christians around the world might well take a lesson in evangelism and stewardship from the churches of Puerto Rico. In 1950 there were 627 baptisms—nearly double the number of the year before. The increase in giving was $19,284.03, which meant over 15 per cent increase in per capita giving.

But the new Christians have inadequate physical facilities to develop modern church programs, and the increase in offerings does not mean that *all* churches are gaining. Two churches—Salto and Naranjito—were able to take loans from the Board of Church Extension. The San Juan church has done some remodeling with its anniversary offering. But rural churches are suffering economic losses and six of them —once self-supporting—turned to the Mission for aid.

Union Theological Seminary can train leadership, but the need is resources. Christianity and education—twin means to human betterment—are the conscious need of Puerto Rico because its people have taken up the torch themselves. These Christians need a sustaining hand *now*.

India

"Floods, droughts, famine, the miracle boy, cholera, smallpox and then the census" is the one sentence report of one station in India. The country's new independence is assured, but the problems that face the new government are probably the most staggering that have ever faced a new democracy. Where there are Christians, they are turned to for aid.

Farseeing missionary personnel took Week of Compassion offerings to provide assistance in the rural sections where famine would be most acute. Funds were provided for feeding hospital patients. Seeds were provided for new crops. And everywhere physical succor went, Christianity entered too.

But illiteracy took its toll. In Orissa the Shepherd Boy was proclaimed as a healer. The lame, the sick and the blind flocked to him. Hospitals were emptied. But cholera broke out among the pilgrims and they learned their faith had been misplaced.

A new agricultural missionary has joined the staff to help lift the standard of living. New methods are used to teach the treatment of malaria, itch, cholera, smallpox, gonorrhea, bed bugs, plague and sore eyes.

India's new democracy needs Christianity *now*.

The Philippines

More missionary personnel, more funds for training leaders and publishing Christian literature, more stewardship—these are the plea made by missionaries in the Philippines. The churches in the Islands are poor in worldly goods, but because they appreciate the need for stewardship they have arranged that one pastor give full time to its development.

The church in the Ilocano region has accepted full responsibility for the Bangued Christian Hospital, where 600 patients a month receive treatments.

Christianity is spreading like fire through the northern mountain regions. Disciples increased the number of regular meeting places in 1950 to 134. But these people are in need of teachers. For nearly fifty years under the American flag the Filipinos were taught to believe in education. Their own government is shaken by inflation and the threat of agrarian revolt, but the people long for sound education.

The opportunity to develop the new mission schools in the north and strengthen every Christian institution —before it is too late—is *now*.

Japan

The spirit of Japanese Christians is nothing short of miraculous. Having seen their country suffer military defeat, writing a constitution for the first time with a declaration against war, and then facing possible all-out mobilization, these strong hearts have never wavered in their faith.

Reports of the churches read "continue to be a strong, active congregation . . . blest with young people," "one of our most rapidly growing congregations," "successor to the burned-out, homeless congregation. . . ." Here is Christian love and forgiveness.

Japan cannot live in a vacuum. Her old culture was torn from her by the war. That same war should have taught other Christians a lesson, too. If Japan is to be taken by Christianity, it must be taken *now*.

Disciple directors of religious education at their annual meeting evaluate present methods and plan future programs.

Is This to Be My Calling?

Christian Education Has Become a Recognized Ministry in the Church

By GENTRY A. SHELTON*

THE profession of Christian education is only about fifty years old. In that brief span there has been rapid development and growth. Christian education is now a recognized profession and those engaged in this ministry are being considered more and more in the future plans of the church.

There are some 250 directors of Christian education in churches of Disciples of Christ. The number would be larger if trained personnel could be found to fill requests which come from our churches. This shortage exists in other denominations, so the demand far exceeds the supply in the general field.

Factors to Consider

Before choosing to become a minister or director of Christian education, one should consider these factors:

1) The time has passed when a few courses in educational method may be expected to prepare a person as a professional leader in Christian education. A director should have a strong educational background, for the Christian educator must "first of all be competent in the whole field of the Christian religion before he can become an adequate teacher of religion."

Most denominations are recommending an advanced seminary degree in Christian education beyond the bachelor of arts degree. Such an educational background will help maintain the professional status of directors and will convince churches that directors are not engaged for the educational work of the church just because they seem to get along with people.

Directors are specialists just as are ministers, church musicians or members of other professions.

2) The ministry of Christian education should be chosen as a permanent profession. Many men start as directors and use the position as a stepping stone to the ministry. This injures the profession of Christian education and may make it seem of secondary importance in the life of the church. Such action can alienate churches and close their doors to the employment of future directors.

Many fine young women—the number of women directors greatly exceeds the men—are in the field only a few years before marrying. These women may be out of the field professionally for a time, but they will be able to take their places in churches as trained laywomen and some will continue their professional work.

3) Financial security should be assured. Many churches pay their ministers well and give their directors a mere pittance. Directors are expected to maintain standards which the minister maintains and many have the same family responsibilities. In some cases the training of the director may even exceed the training of the minister.

Many churches now realize this unfairness and are making adjustments. Others are raising the salary level in the beginning and are advancing directors in proportion as they advance the ministers. The financial arrangement should include the Pension Fund.

4) The dual ministry idea is growing. Many ministers have not been able to adjust themselves to working in a dual capacity—to share the work of the church with other individuals. This has discouraged many directors who feel that their hands are tied and that they are not receiving the proper recognition or cooperation. It has also caused some to leave the profession.

Ministerial training today encourages a broader point of view, and the old attitude is not quite so prevalent. It should be less prevalent in the future.

5) The future of the director is more certain today than formerly. Directors, or those considering the field may ask, "What will happen if there is a depression?" The general feeling is that our churches will do all in their power to retain directors during such times. To let directors go would greatly retard the program of the church. Although churches must be realistic, they would not be as likely in a future depression period to dismiss their directors of Christian education as they were several years ago.

6) Churches, ministers and directors are overcoming mistakes that have been made in the past. Mistakes and misunderstandings may be prevented by outlining work and areas of responsibility before, rather than after, the director begins his work.

7) More churches must provide opportunities for their directors to attend special meetings, workshops,

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Sustaining the Ministry in Active Service

The Church Determines the Kind of Ministry It Would Have

By HOLLIS L. TURLEY*

THE church of this generation faces a serious problem in the recruiting, training and sustaining of her ministry. One cannot face the fact of 2,500 vacant pulpits in the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ each Sunday morning without being aware of the seriousness of this situation.

It is frequently said that young people are not responding to the call of Christ as they have in years gone by. The program of recruitment in the Crusade for a Christian World does not bear out this statement. A recent conference of the Methodist Church in Indiana revealed that young people of character and ability will respond to the call when the facts are presented.

It is true that experience has shown that about two out of three high school young people who start to become ministers fall by the wayside. For those who are concerned with the problem of recruitment this is discouraging but not nearly as discouraging as a study made at Phillips University a few years ago.

A Loss of Young Ministers

The Phillips survey showed that from the time a minister's name appeared in the Year Book until it disappeared was only an average of 7.9 years. If these figures are accurate it appears that the more serious loss takes place in the minister's early years. A prominent Disciple leader recently said, "Out of twelve men who received their B.D. degrees in my class I am the only one now connected with the service of the church." This is probably an extreme case but the facts are such that it warrants the statement that the basic problem is not that of recruitment but of retaining these young men in the ministry.

What Causes the Loss?

What is it that causes these losses from the ministry? Undoubtedly there are several factors. The one that appears to be basic and fundamental is the lack of adequate support.

No man enters the ministry with the idea that he will make money. His highest motive is a desire to serve his Lord. Young men preparing for the ministry face a unique situation. They are expected to secure an education that takes approximately seven years and costs as much as that required in any profession. Yet their economic return is considerably below that provided by the professions.

If a young man gives himself to the cause of Christ the church is obligated to provide him with at least a subsistence living. This is the accepted procedure with most religious bodies for their missionaries, but not for their pastors.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, by the use of prices as of 1946 and 1947, provided a budget on a subsistence level for a family of four. Translating these figures into a budget for a minister's family you have the following:

Food	$1,047.00
Clothing	432.00
Medical and dental care	161.00
Household operation	223.00
Transportation (automobile)	515.00
Reading material, school expenses, gifts and contributions	301.00
Life insurance, fire insurance, income taxes and Pension Plan dues	313.00
	$2,992.00

This budget total of $2,992.00 represents the bare necessities of life. As of June 1, 1951 the increased costs make the subsistence budget $3,437.00. More than half of our pastors are receiving annual salaries of less than $3,437.00.

This situation not only forces many to leave the ministry but also affects the church in another way that is almost as devastating, namely, short pastorates. Most men prefer long pastorates but many with growing families are compelled to move in order to get an increase of salary. It is not to the credit of the great church that called them into its ministry that they are made to move from place to place to get a living wage.

Two Disciples pastors came to the place in their ministry where increased income was a necessity. Neither church would grant an increase because they said they already were paying as much as they could. These two men started looking for a place and by chance they each sought the other's pulpit. The men accepted the calls to these churches and each received a $500.00 increase in salary.

Financial Insecurity Stifles Initiative

It goes without question that financial insecurity stifles initiative, hinders personality growth and depresses the spirit. If the church is to receive the maximum measure of efficiency out of its minister there must be a sense of economic security.

Can the churches pay salaries that are adequate? The answer is definitely "yes." If the members of the church were giving the same percentage of their income to the church today they did in 1946, there would be sufficient income to raise the minister's salary to above subsistence levels. Utimately this problem must be solved by the local church.

There are several pastoral expenses usually carried by the minister which if they were assumed by the church would go a long way in solving the problem. Maintenance of his car used for pastoral purposes, al-

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Supporting the Ministry in Retirement

"We Are All Members One of Another" Includes Those in Retirement

By PAUL G. PRESTON*

Dr. Preston

SOME ministers proceed on the theory that they will never retire. Of this group the extremely young ones all expect to die from overwork before reaching retirement age. The older ones are confident that they can keep going until Gabriel blows his horn. Both are mistaken if the experience of thousands of their predecessors is taken into account.

The average age of the present active ministry is about forty-six years. Some of this group will die and some will become totally and permanently disabled before age sixty-five. The majority will need retirement income by age sixty-nine with an expectancy of twelve years more of life without the benefit of the regular salary check. Whose responsibility is it to see that the necessities of life are provided when retirement comes?

Ministers Begin in Small Churches

The question of responsibility is pertinent when it is remembered that the church as a whole pays the lowest average salaries for comparably trained and intelligent leadership. Let no congregation that is giving good support to its own pastor feel that it is thereby excused from responsibility inasmuch as at least one-half of its membership is constituted by those who were won to Christ in places where the ministry faces a real struggle for survival in both active service as well as old age. It is also true that all ministers begin their service with the smaller churches and on the average close their careers on about the same economic level on which they began.

The Total Ministry Is Included

There is but One Body of Christ and "we are all members one of another." Therefore the problem of ministerial support in old age is of importance to each congregation and to every minister. Inasmuch as the New Testament places a common stewardship responsibility upon all, then all should share in a common responsibility. The method of meeting a responsibility for the total ministry should be tested as to whether it is available to all and whether all can participate and share.

The Pension Plan is available to the total ministry and every full-time employee of the church or church-related institution of Disciples of Christ. There is no test of fellowship within the brotherhood except what is required to pay pensions. The pensions paid are created by dues and the dues are related to each minister's current support. The only answer to the problem of the minister's support in old age is a brotherhood-wide pension plan. The support experience of every minister makes any other method unworkable. Health frequently prevents many from securing any other kind of protection. The church must think of the ministry as a group and only the very short-sighted minister thinks of himself as unrelated to his brethren.

Disability and Retirement

The Pension Plan covers all three exits from active service—death in active service, total permanent disability and retirement. Pensions for the widow and minor children are also provided whenever the member dies. The protection for death in active service is effective upon the payment of the first month's dues. The total permanent disability protection is in force after twelve months of membership and the retirement pension credits accumulate with each passing month.

The primary object of a pension plan is to provide for the member's old age. Secondarily, protection is afforded against disability, and for the widow and minor children. During the first twenty years and two months of Pension Plan experience, $2,079,993.18 has been paid to members and $1,166,109.47 to the families of members. As the Plan grows older and membership is longer the amount of yearly benefits will increase.

A minister who began service with the church and with membership in the Plan January, 1931, at age twenty-seven and serves through December, 1973, on an average salary of $3,500.00 a year can retire on a pension of $2,100.00 a year. On his death after retirement his widow would receive $1,050.00 a year.

Additional Benefits Department

It was not contemplated that a minister's saving and protection program should be limited to an amount equal to 2½ per cent of his salary. Another 2½ per cent or more should be invested in good ordinary life insurance or the Additional Benefits Department of the Pension Fund, available to all eligible for Pension Plan membership or benefits.

There is a general awareness that people dependent on medium to low salaries face a serious old-age support problem. Still there are about seven hundred located ministers and their churches that have indicated no awareness of their problem nor of the "Even so did the Lord ordain that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Some churches have taken action to protect themselves by paying the minister's 2½ per cent dues as well as the church's 8 per cent Pension Plan dues.

Some congregations will not call a minister unless

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he is a member of the Plan. They know that sooner or later their minister will close his active service by death, total permanent disability, or retirement. In ninety-seven cases out of every hundred without the Pension Plan, the church faces an embarrassing situation in the community.

Part of Most Protestant Communions

All of the large Protestant communions, many of the smaller ones, the Christian Science Assembly and the Hebrew Fellowship have found it necessary to make provision for the inevitable day of retirement of their spiritual leaders. A wide variety of retirement plans have been established. None guarantee greater benefits than the Pension Plan for the 10½ per cent dues.

A Church Budget Item

In the Episcopal fellowship the churches pay an amount equal to 15 per cent of the minister's salary and a minimum retirement pension of $1,500.00 is paid with one-half continued to the widow. In the Methodist church during the last fiscal year over $6,000,000.00 in gift money from church budgets, over and above pension dues, was allotted to their pension board to sustain their retired ministers for one year. In 1950 the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ received as its share from church budgets $165,184.74, and $10,049.20 designated.

Progressive Inflation Hurts Pensioners

The present need of additional gift money is due to the fact that 699 of those who retired in the early years of the Pension Plan were on low salaries and had short service under the Plan. The money requested in 1930 to fund their pensions to a maximum of $50.00 per month was not paid and their pensions had to fall to a much lower level. The progressive inflation of recent years has reduced the purchasing power of the dollar. These pensioned ministers must have more dollars if Disciples of Christ are to meet their need and satisfy the church's obligation to these worthy servants.

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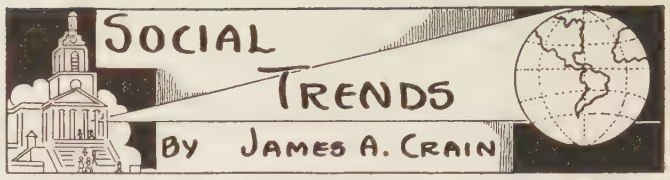
conferences, conventions, the National Fellowship of Disciple Directors, the Directors' Section of the National Council and similar groups as a part of their continuing development. This kind of opportunity is provided for ministers and is a must for directors.

8) Those entering the field should have definite personal qualifications. Directors should be persons of consecrated Christian character with leadership ability, initiative, physical and emotional maturity, genuine love for people and a sense of mission in Christian service.

There is no more challenging field than the ministry of Christian education. The field is wide open to Christian young men and young women for "the harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few."



COMPLACENCY over high standards of American public education receives a rude shock from the results of a study of the educational statistics of 1947-1948 made by the National Education Association and published under the title, "The Facts on Federal Aid for Schools."

No adequate review of this document can be given here. It is enough to say that the picture is bad. For a single example, look at New York which, with its 174 children per 1,000 population, spent $256 per child for its public schools in 1947-1948. Then compare this with South Carolina which has 280 children per 1,000 of its population and which was able to spend only $102 per child.

A part of the explanation of such contrast is found in the fact that New York has a per capita income of $1,803, while South Carolina has only $844. Yet South Carolina spent 2.7 per cent of its state and local funds for its schools as against 1.85 per cent spent by New York.

MANY people believe that federal aid is the answer. The distribution of national income varies widely. The average income in 1948 for the nation as a whole was $1,387 per capita. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia received more than the national average, ranging from $1,389 in Indiana to $1,803 in New York, while 24 states fell below it, from $1,340 in Minnesota to $753 in Mississippi. Even the supposedly oil-rich states of Texas and Oklahoma had per capita incomes of only $1,137 and $1,035 respectively.

To meet this situation Rep. Graham Barden (D., N.C.) has introduced H.R. 4468, to provide federal funds to raise public elementary and secondary education to a minimum of $25 per pupil. Appropriations are also authorized for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The funds would be limited to public schools and their use is restricted to salaries, equipment and building maintenance. Since there are 36 children under one year of age for every 1000 persons 21 years or older in the U.S., it should be obvious that our educational problem is going to get worse instead of better unless we do something about it.

THE Sunday preceding Labor Day, the first Monday in September, has long been observed as Labor Sunday. The National Council of Churches (formerly the Federal Council) has for many years sponsored this observance in the churches. The purpose has been not to set labor and management over against each other, but rather to stress the spiritual aspects of labor as a part of the creative process and to express the church's interest in all men who work. The department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society, following its usual custom, has sent copies of the Labor Sunday Message to all pastors in the brotherhood.

—Photos by Marvin Koner from Black Star

Students at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, stop to chat outside the dining hall before going to their work and study.

Jarvis Plans to Meet Area Needs

Serving the Needs of Its Area Is the Purpose of a Christian College

By J. EDWARD MOSELEY*

SLIGHTLY more than two years ago, Jarvis Christian College of Hawkins, Texas, began an outstanding development program. Fundamental progress has been made already (1) in improving the curriculum and equipment for a first-rate college, and (2) in seeking to improve the lot of Negroes in northeast Texas by lifting the economic level of the entire region.

Two significant factors were among those necessitating reconsideration of the program at Jarvis, home missions institution for Negroes, supported by Disciples of Christ through The United Christian Missionary Society. They were set forth in a study of the college made by the Committee on Education, Training and Research in Race Relations of the University of Chicago under the direction of the sociologist, Professor Louis Wirth. The documentary report is entitled, *Social and Economic Data Relative to the Future of Jarvis Christian College.*

One factor calling for a restudy is found in the economic conditions of northeast Texas which have changed profoundly since Jarvis was established in 1913. Cotton has given way to other crops as the primary agricultural means of livelihood. A substantial number of persons have left the area during the intervening years. The region has no other sound economic base to benefit the majority of the people remaining in the section. While oil was discovered, it provides support to relatively few of the population.

In addition, reconsideration of the program is essential because the needs and possibilities of higher education for Negroes have been changed decidedly in recent years. The vocations for which Jarvis, and similar institutions, prepared young people could not be realized without their leaving the area. More important, however, is the fact that when Jarvis was founded, education for Negroes followed a segregated pattern. Now, admission of graduate Negro students to the colleges and universities in the South that previously excluded them has demanded careful analysis of the role of a segregated, church-supported college like Jarvis. For, despite improvements, education for Negroes suffers by comparison with that for white students.

Highlights of ways in which Jarvis is being improved to make it a first-class Christian college include the following four:

1. In the academic field. In December, 1950, Jarvis was placed on the approved list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college thus became fully accredited for the first time. In

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1927, the Texas Department of Education accredited Jarvis as a junior college. And in 1941 it became a recognized four-year college. However, in order to keep the college fully accredited, many facilities must be improved and there must be necessary equipment added.

All Jarvis students are now required to take vocational education. In time, vocational practice will be a part of the thorough training offered to all of the students. Under the competent direction of Dr. John B. Eubanks, executive vice-president, Jarvis is preparing to give better pre-professional training for entrance into graduate medical, teacher-training, social work and law schools, as well as theological seminaries. Six new teachers were added to the staff this last school year, and others must be employed.

2. *In the religious field.* Jarvis is increasingly emphasizing the training of religious leadership and the recruitment of students for full-time Christian service. The undergraduate courses in religion are being strengthened. Incidentally, as part of the religious emphasis, the program director of Radio Station KRMD in Shreveport recently referred to the Jarvis Choir as "the best group of this kind we have ever had the pleasure of broadcasting."

Then, a Jarvis graduate, Lawrence Hall, pastor of the Romine Street Christian Church of Dallas, was, within the past year, admitted for graduate study to the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. A better-educated ministry is greatly needed among the churches of Negro Disciples.

3. *In the field of community relations.* Adult education is being offered now in night classes at Jarvis. Both white and colored groups from neighboring towns are brought to the campus for meetings in which they learn how to improve their homes and communities. The Jarvis program, as it is now developing, includes provision for self-help projects among the people of surrounding communities, and the promotion of better health and housing.

4. *In the agricultural field.* The farm at Jarvis consists of 875 acres and is becoming more productive. All meat is now furnished for the school's dining tables. This food includes pork, beef, lamb, chickens and turkey. Heretofore, nearly all meat was purchased. Vegetables are raised and canned. There are large crops of beets, cabbage, carrots, chard, lettuce, melons, mustard, potatoes, spinach and sweet corn. Feed for livestock now raised on the farm includes corn, soy beans, peanuts and sorghum. These crops trim the cost of the feed for stock. A small amount of milk is produced and the herd is to be improved and increased.

A Farm Demonstration Center

Jarvis Christian College is to become a farm demonstration center for northeast Texas. The school is getting ready to study the soil, in cooperation with the Texas Research Foundation, and build it up to make it more productive. How to restore the soil will be demonstrated to people of the surrounding region in projects at Jarvis. Then an agronomist is to be added to the Jarvis staff as soon as the person can be secured.

Mrs. Jason Cowan teaches a class in home economics. Jarvis gives its students practical arts for wholesome home living.

How to improve the lot of northeast Texas Negroes by lifting the economic level of the entire area is the second, but by no means secondary, phase of the current Jarvis development program. This phase of the program is under the able leadership of Cleo W. Blackburn as executive consultant. He is director of Flanner House, internationally known Indianapolis social settlement.

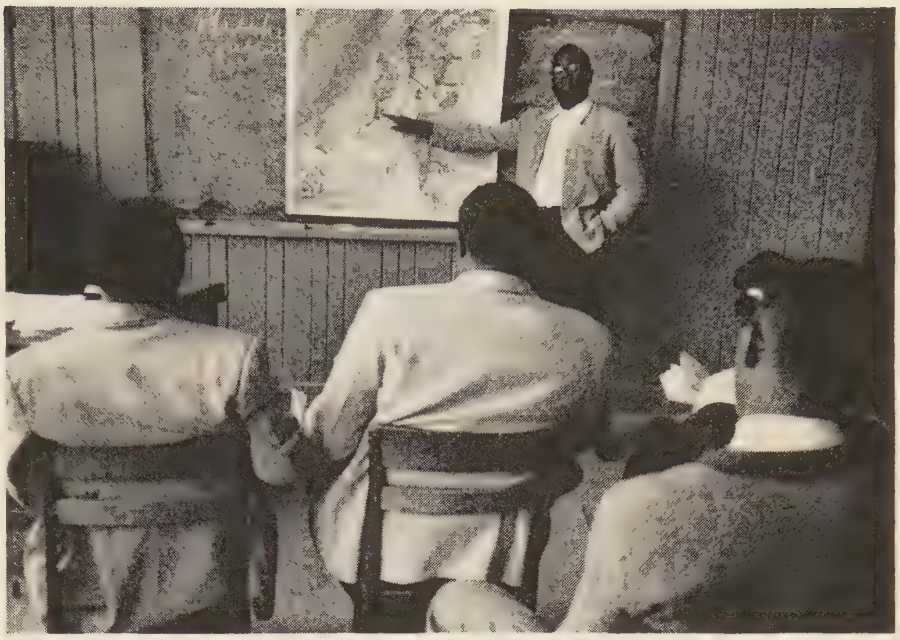
In recent months Mr. Blackburn has spent much time in presenting the needs and possibilities of Jarvis and the colored people of northeast Texas to bankers, businessmen, agricultural and industrial leaders and professional men there. He points out how both white and colored people lose in the midst of poverty, ignorance and irresponsibility.

Lifting the Economic Level

Negroes represent about one-third of the total population of northeast Texas. Their low rate of income decreases the rate for the entire region. Their earning power must be increased for, obviously, people unable to earn an adequate living are a vital problem anywhere. The long-range program at Jarvis, therefore, is to lift the economic level of the surrounding nine counties for both Negroes and white people.

With the trend in Texas, and the South generally, towards equality in professional and graduate education, Jarvis Christian College faces an imposing task to develop a program that justifies its continued existence. It cannot hope to duplicate services of the large, state-supported schools.

One alternative for Jarvis, receiving much consideration presently, is to link it up with other educational institutions. It could then operate a program of regional or national scope, aiding in the integration of the Negro into the total life and economy of the area or nation. That, ultimately, may be the purpose of Jarvis. The realization of such a purpose would indeed enable Jarvis to make a significant and Christian contribution to its area's needs.



Walter Bingham, instructor in religion, teaches a class in the interpretation of the New Testament. Jarvis teaches religion in courses, but the Christianity practiced in its life is its most powerful means of building character.

A student in zoology class demonstrates scientific findings with the bones of the human body. Jarvis was recognized as a four-year college in 1941. It must be further improved to maintain that rating. Six teachers were added last year.

Boys earn their board by working on the Jarvis farm, which furnishes food for the school tables. The 875-acre farm is managed according to the best agricultural methods both to teach its students and as a model for northeast Texas.

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lowances for books and attendance at conferences and religious gatherings. More and more churches are seeing the wisdom as well as the necessity of owning a parsonage and assuming these pastoral expenses.

The emergencies of life are just as real in the case of a minister as are those of other people. A portion of every minister's income must by necessity be channeled for the protection of these emergencies. Participation in the Pension Plan will relieve the minister of suspense in the face of these emergencies.

The Minimum Salary Plan

There is another step that could be taken by the churches of our brotherhood that would go a long way towards stabilizing the ministry, namely, a minimum salary plan. Such a plan has proved very effective among several religious bodies. The Presbyterian Church of Scotland has such a plan and Scottish ministers are known far and wide for their ability as preachers. Many of the best known in Scotland are pastors of small rural churches.

Here in America the Presbyterians of the U.S.A. have a minimum salary plan. The Methodist Church has a minimum salary plan which puts a floor under pastor's salaries. The Baptist churches in at least three state conventions are trying to set a minimum salary level for the ministers of their states.

They Shall Live of the Gospel

It may well be that before our problem is solved we will need to adopt some form of a minimum salary basis. If all churches of Disciples of Christ are to be served by men adequately trained, if great churches are to be built, if we are to maintain our position with the great religious bodies of the world, then our churches must accept the scriptural admonition, "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

"Who Will Follow in His Train?"

A LARGE factor in interesting a young physician in the possibility of taking up practice with Dr. H. I. Blood at Hazel Green, Kentucky, was the article in June WORLD CALL, "Who Will Follow in His Train?" This report comes from Director Henry A. Stovall of Hazel Green Academy. WORLD CALL wishes to state for the record that Dr. Blood is not the only physician in Wolfe County, as the article reported, though his is the only hospital there and he is the only surgeon. At the time the article was published there were two other physicians in the county. Dr. John L. Cox, who died June 10, was health officer for Wolfe and Morgan Counties. Dr. James H. Dunn, a practicing physician, lives at Campton.

A former resident of Hazel Green and devoted friend of the Christian work at Hazel Green Academy first called this inaccuracy to the attention of the editors.

TWO novels with a preacher as the hero are now current. *Dearly Beloved* by M. G. Nicola concerns a retired Episcopal clergyman, with an old-maid daughter, who is drawn into the local church squabbles and whose racy observations on life throw a good deal of light on human nature and the Episcopal church. There are a number of good laughs in this book.

More serious in tone is *The High Calling* by James Street, a sequel to *The Gauntlet* which was so popular a few years ago. If one has the patience to read the first third of the book, which is slow going, the story of the Baptist preacher, who has a daughter who is distinctly not an old maid, is tense and interesting. There are the problems and conflicts with saints and sinners in the little suburban church in a small Missouri city and the preacher with his pious deacon and his atheist friend and the ambitious co-paster in the big downtown church, and the old-maid school teacher who wants to marry him, all are there in an interesting drama. The character of the preacher is not too well drawn and it is difficult to tell whether he is saint, sinner, or simply "stuffed shirt." Like most people he may be a little of all three.

THE current mission study book *Mission to America* is by Truman B. Douglass, executive secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian churches. Dr. Douglass invites his readers to "take a fresh look at the most interesting, the most potent, and the most alive reality in the world today. That reality is the Christian church." This Christian church is in a struggle which is "real and deadly" and the issues of this struggle are discussed with clarity. The author has a penetrating mind and a skillful pen. The high intellectual quality of this analysis of our American life and the resources of our Christian faith should not be forgotten as one reads these beautifully written pages. Designed as a study book it is a fine volume for general reading.

DANIEL T. NILES is a young Asian Christian who is chairman of the department of youth work under the World Council of Churches, and has a new book *That They May Have Life.* "No understanding of Christian evangelism is possible," he writes, "without an appreciation of the nature of the Christian proclamation." So he explores the nature of Christianity and its message, basing his exploration of the sure foundation of Christian Scriptures. The center of this study of evangelism is not on methods nor plans but on the theology of our faith. It is a book so simply written as to have interest for the average reader.

THE most readable edition of the Scriptures that we have seen is *The Shorter Oxford Bible.* The scriptural material is organized by themes and not always arranged in the biblical sequence. For example in the story of the development of Hebrew life in the Old Testament, the biblical material is divided into sections, called respectively, "The People," "The Land," "The Phophets," "The Priests," and "The Wise Men."

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Disciples Face the Future

This Fall Disciples Will Gather in Area Assemblies for Consultation on Their Long Range Program

By GAINES M. COOK*

THERE are two ways to face the future. One is by wishful thinking. The other consists of carefully laying plans based on opportunities and resources. The church dares not engage in wishful thinking. It cannot escape the responsibility for large plans. This is the reason a series of seventeen Area Assemblies of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ is planned in the fall of 1951.

For many months we have known that the heights to which we have been lifted by the Crusade for a Christian World must become the measure of our future growth as a brotherhood. A resolution at the San Francisco Convention in 1948 was the initial "enabling act" out of which grew the Council of Agencies through whose deliberations the conception of a Long Range Program for the Disciples of Christ has emerged.

Facing the Needs of Our World

The mood and the objectives for enlarged plans for the future cannot be quickly assembled or projected. They are literally in process of formation. It is the hope and prayer of the International Convention that in the seventeen Area Assemblies we may move more nearly toward "The Assurance of Things Hoped For." The program to be presented in each Assembly will be concerned with the responsibilities and resources of the Disciples of Christ through which we face the needs of our world. A large portion of each Assembly will be given to forums and workshops through which thousands of Disciples will have the opportunity to discuss the growing Long Range Program.

Each Assembly will open with a night session and extend through two full days, closing with the third night session. President Marvin O. Sansbury and Vice-presidents Mrs. James D. Wyker, Ray D. Lindley and John W. Love will preside over the sessions. The theme, "The Assurance of Things Hoped For," will be interpreted by a group of representative leaders in each Assembly. Some of these will be nationally known servants of causes; others, outstanding preachers, state and area personnel. Each Assembly will be served by a missionary, a minister of music and a chaplain.

Planned as an International Convention

The Committee on Program and Arrangements confidently expects a total attendance of 20,000. Each Assembly is planned as an International Convention, adapted to a limited area and a shortened period. The quality of program usually presented at an International Convention Assembly will be available to thousands of people within easy driving distance. Registrations of $1.00 will provide funds for the rental of auditoriums, printing, publicity, local arrangements, etc. No offerings will be taken, but it is expected that every person attending the Assembly will register. Pre-Assembly registrations are urged.

The Practice of Christian Realism

The Disciples of Christ are engaged in big business. We cannot conduct our business without cooperation. It is difficult to cooperate unless we assemble ourselves together for consultation. However, great movements affecting our life as a brotherhood for the next generation cannot be developed by a few professionals. There is Christian realism in any movement which takes the time to find out what the people at home are thinking. The whole philosophy of the International Convention is based on this premise. The Area Assemblies are being arranged in order that we may think and plan together.

Wide publicity is being given to Assembly places and dates. Early registration is desirable in securing reservations in hotels or homes. Each Area Assembly is now fully organized to entertain its guests. It is expected that convenience of place and date will largely determine the particular Assembly which people will attend. The important thing is—*plan now to attend!*

Area Assemblies

International Convention of Disciples of Christ

Places and Dates

Little Rock, Arkansas	September 26, 27, 28
Orlando, Florida	October 1, 2, 3
Wilson, North Carolina	October 3, 4
Washington, D. C.	October 4, 5
Elmira, New York	October 7, 8, 9
Enid, Oklahoma	October 8, 9, 10
Denver, Colorado	October 10, 11, 12
St. Thomas, Ontario	October 10, 11, 12
Des Moines, Iowa	October 15, 16, 17
Seattle, Washington	October 22, 23, 24
Cleveland, Ohio	October 22, 23, 24
Lexington, Kentucky	October 24, 25, 26
Fresno, California	October 25, 26, 27
Kansas City, Missouri	October 29, 30, 31
Chattanooga, Tennessee	October 29, 30, 31
Indianapolis, Indiana	Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2
Springfield, Illinois	November 4, 5, 6

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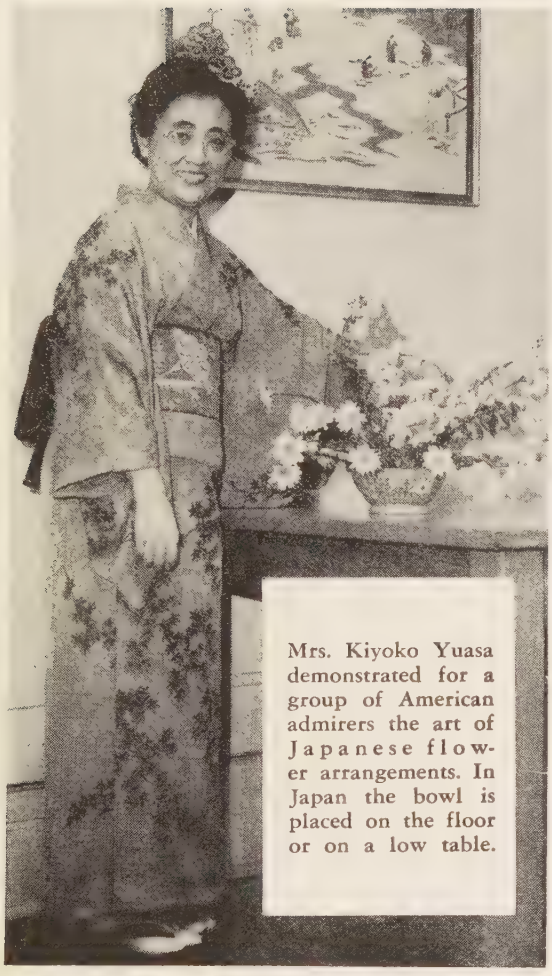
Flowers Express a Way of Life

Around the Seemingly Simple Act of Arranging a Bowl of Flowers, Japanese Womanhood Has Developed an Art, a Philosophy, and a Way of Life

By RUTH MILLER*



Mrs. Kiyoko Yuasa demonstrated for a group of American admirers the art of Japanese flower arrangements. In Japan the bowl is placed on the floor or on a low table.

AS one watches a Japanese woman create a living picture with a few sprays of blossoms and listens to her comment on the folk art of flower arrangements, one can come to appreciate many things about her people and their conception of the good life. Many Americans have learned much from Mrs. Yuasa, the wife of the president of the International Christian University at Mitaka, near Tokyo, Japan, during her recent visit in the United States.

Mrs. Yuasa was chosen to conduct a course in flower arrangement for the wives of the SCAP officials and others during the Occupation. Over a period of two years, in once-a-week meetings for lecture-demonstrations followed by supervised work, Mrs. Yuasa brought the delicate art to a number of representative women.

To the Japanese the arrangement of flowers is not a casual part of the household routine. It is an important ceremony of homemaking—an integral and influential factor in interior decoration, and a ritual that is observed in celebration of holidays and in recognition of the changing seasons.

Japanese girls and women learn the techniques of flower arrangement as painstakingly as American girls learn to play the piano. They study the principles developed at home or at school over a period of years. They may even take lessons from a professional teacher.

The reason for such diligence is not difficult to discover. Skill at flower arrangement is one of the requirements expected of the ideal wife. It is a prerequisite of an accomplished home-maker, for the artistic use of flowers is an essential of the well-ordered Japanese home.

The Japanese do not think of an abundance of flowers as we are prone to do in planning decorations. With a few choice, graceful blooms they fashion a floral piece that meets the three cardinal principles of flower arrangement—line, mass, and color.

Mrs. Yuasa arranged a simple bowl of snapdragons and daisies for a group of watchful admirers at the executive offices in New York City of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. Such a bowl, arranged with much patience and loving care, is placed on the floor or on a low table in a corner or shallow alcove of the main room of a Japanese home. Above it and complementing the floral piece is hung a painting or a scroll, or possibly a sampling of picturesque Japanese calligraphy, which in a subtle fashion becomes a part of the entire picture.

The background art is changed to correspond with the season or to mark a holiday. It may even be changed to create a mood. Significantly, Mrs. Yuasa explained, the husband and father selects and hangs the picture; the wife and mother chooses and arranges the flowers. It is as if the Japanese have found a magic way of expressing the dependence of the man on his wife; or, if you wish, the wife on her husband. In a sense, then, this traditional combination of the artistic expression of the man and wife represents the unity of the Japanese family.

USUALLY the rooms of a Japanese dwelling are smaller than ours, severely plain and uncluttered with bric-a-brac and "occasional" furniture. Only the straw mats on the floor, the cushions on which one kneels, a low table, and possibly a chest or two constitute the furnishings. In this simple, severe, and essentially functional setting the bowl of flowers, asymmetrically arranged before the complementary print or scroll, becomes a perfect center of interest.

The Japanese housewife generally has as wide a range and as great a choice in the selection of flowers as does the American woman. Japan produces virtually all the flowers that grow in profusion in the United States. While the chrysanthemum is Japan's national flower, the Japanese cultivate and use all kinds of blooms and greenery in their formal settings. In fact, there is such a wide range in the character of their flower arrangements that they are able to employ many plant forms that even the most ingenious Americans have not thought of as appropriate for such a purpose.

THE reason for the extreme simplicity of line, mass, and color that forms the keynote of the perfect flower arrangement is in part aesthetic and in part economic. Such a perfect floral piece has the aesthetic qualities of Japan's paintings and of its prints—delicacy of line, subtlety of mass, and exquisite coloring. Economically, the average Japanese is restricted in the amount she can spend for flowers and has been forced, now as always, to do much with little. Thus, a Japanese housewife buys flowers by the piece and selects each bloom carefully with an eye to its place in the ensemble.

The Japanese flower arrangement is thus a sort of symbol of the great capacity of the people to accomplish much with little. Limited natural resources and a passionate love for the beautiful, simple and intrinsic things of life have made them skilful and resourceful.

As one watches Mrs. Yuasa create an arrangement that would cause a flutter of enthusiasm in a garden club meeting, one realizes again what the Japanese have perceived—that in a simple thing of life, such as a bowl of flowers, a whole philosophy of a people may be expressed.

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Give Ye Them to Eat

"Send them away. There is not food
For them and us. The multitude
Of followers with us through the day
Are hungered now. Send them away."
The Master's "Give ye them to eat"
Found wondrous answer—answer meet
For unawareness questioning how
To feed the hunger crying now.

Unnumbered multitudes remain
Trodden by wretchedness and pain
That faints outside the careless door
Of offered pity, nothing more.
O faith that questions, know that still
Within you lies the miracle.
Bid them come in and sup. Oh, stay
Despair that hears "Send them away."

—GRACE F. GUTHRIE

Ventura, California

World Call Ten Per Cent Legion Churches

THE figures on these pages stand as a credit to the service so generously given by World Call secretaries this past year. These 645 churches have sent in, between July 1, 1950, and June 30, 1951, subscriptions totaling ten per cent or more of their resident membership, as reported in the 1950 Year Book. Those starred (*) have achieved the distinction of having twenty per cent or more of their membership subscribing to WORLD CALL. *States not mentioned had no churches qualifying for the Legion.*

	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
ALABAMA		
*Athens	50	21
Camp Hill, Pleasant View	10	14
Cullman, First	21	15
*Demopolis	14	35
Dothan, First	15	15
*Eutaw	16	20
*Florence, Central	38	22
Gadsen	16	11
Jasper, First	15	13
Montgomery, Cloverdale	13	11
*Plantersville, First	13	21
Selma, First	46	13
ARIZONA		
Glendale, First	15	11
*Mesa, First	37	25
Phoenix, Creighton	23	18
ARKANSAS		
*Arkadelphia	21	53
Camden, First	24	13
*El Dorado, First	72	20
Forrest City	14	13
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	42	17
Marianna, First	13	11
Newport, First	16	17
Ozark	13	11
*Searcy, First	11	23
Wynne	11	15
CALIFORNIA, NORTH		
Chico	47	13
*Dos Palos	12	21
Eureka, First	39	15
Fortuna	14	13
Fresno, Belmont Avenue	60	13
Lodi	39	13
Marysville	27	10
North Sacramento	21	14
Oakland, Fruitvale	60	17
*Oakland, Mills Terrace	39	20
Oroville	12	10
*Pacific Grove	25	23
Palo Alto, First	35	19
*Santa Cruz, Garfield Park	47	31
San Francisco, First	50	11
*San Francisco, Golden Gate	10	20
Tracy	10	14
Turlock	49	15
CALIFORNIA, SOUTH		
Arlington	18	15
Beaumont	16	16
Bellflower	93	13
Burbank, First	42	10
Coachella Valley	12	16
*East San Diego, East Side	50	10
El Cajon, First	32	15
El Monte, First	33	10
Fullerton, First	77	11
*Glendora	84	28
*Hemet	26	20
Holtville, First	19	11
Long Beach, Bixby Knolls	24	19
*Long Beach, East Side	186	23
Los Angeles, Cypress Park	37	14
*Los Angeles, Eagle Rock	34	25
Los Angeles, Eastmont	16	13
*W. Los Angeles, Gateway-Stoner	24	62
Los Angeles, Hollywood-Beverly	198	13
Los Angeles, Monroe St.	18	13
Los Angeles, Morningside Park	23	16
*Los Angeles, Wilshire	265	24
Monrovia	76	16
North Hollywood, First	126	19
*Pasadena, Bethany	68	20
Pasadena, Central	109	13
Paso Robles	15	10
Redlands, State Street	54	12
Riverside, First	87	15
*San Diego, Pacific Beach	30	29
*San Diego, University	201	21
San Dimas	17	17
San Mateo	21	13
Santa Ana, Orange Ave.	20	10
Santa Maria	29	13
*Santa Monica, Sunset Park	22	20
South Gate, Christian Chapel	33	13

Churches with Greatest Gain in Subscriptions

	No. of Subs.	Gain over 1949-50
Long Beach, California, East Side	**186**	**91**
Austin, Texas, Central	**146**	**76**
Miami, Florida, First	**167**	**67**
Medicine Lodge, Kansas, First	**91**	**66**
N. Hollywood, California, First	**126**	**65**
San Diego, California, University	**201**	**55**
Beaumont, Texas, First	**138**	**55**
Dallas, Texas, Pleasant Grove	**69**	**53**
Tulsa, Okla., Memorial	**108**	**51**
Chanute, Kansas, First	**81**	**48**
Galveston, Texas, Central	**59**	**45**

	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
South Pasadena	22	18
Sun Valley	12	10
Torrance, First	24	11
*Ventura, First	56	22
Whittier, First	171	14
Woodland, First	52	13
CANADA		
Alberta, Edmonton, Central	25	14
British Columbia, Vancouver, Central	15	19
Manitoba, Winnipeg, Home St.	24	19
Nova Scotia, Halifax, North St.	14	13
Ontario, Guelph	11	11
Ontario, Toronto, Hillcrest	52	13
Ontario, Wainfleet, Winger	12	13
Ontario, West Lorne	12	16
Ontario, Windsor, Giles Blvd.	27	14
P.E.I., Charlottetown, Central	15	10
P.E.I., Summerside, Central	14	14
*Saskatchewan, Regina, Central	13	21
COLORADO		
*Alamosa	28	24
Ault	11	11
Brighton	17	11
Burlington	11	10
Denver, East Side	37	11
*Denver, Park Hill	14	26
Denver, S. Broadway	106	11
Denver, University Place	11	11
Fort Morgan	56	12
Grand Junction, First	40	10
Greeley, First	71	12
Loveland	23	12
*Manzanola, First	19	38
Montrose, First	31	15
Ordway	23	17
Palisade	17	12
Salida	23	16
*Sterling	51	21
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
Bethesda, Maryland	23	18
Tacoma Park, Maryland	21	14
*Vienna, Virginia, Antioch	13	21
Washington, D.C., Shepherd Park	55	18
FLORIDA		
Bartow, First	11	13
Bradenton, Central	12	12
*Haines City, First	31	26
*Jacksonville Beach, First	16	27
Jacksonville, Fairfield	10	11
*Jacksonville, First	116	29
Miami, First	167	14
Sarasota, First	22	12
*Sebring	14	20
*S. Jacksonville, St. Nicholas Park	12	21
*S. Jacksonville, South Side	19	20
Tallahasse, Capitol	17	12
*Zephyrhills	16	52

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GEORGIA		
Atlanta, First	119	13
Atlanta, West End	27	11
*Brooks	17	57
College Park, Columbia Ave.	11	12
Decatur, First	48	10
*Eastman, First	14	54
*Guyton	17	20
Macon, Houston Ave.	12	17
*Sandersville	27	21
Valdosta, First	28	11
West Point	17	17
HAWAII		
*Honolulu, First	44	21
SOUTH IDAHO		
*Boise, Second	16	29
*Homedale	24	36
ILLINOIS		
Allendale, First	27	14
Arcola	35	14
Bethany	27	11
Blue Mound	58	17
*Buffalo	13	25
Cameron	24	13
Chicago, North Side	32	11
Colfax	14	11
East Moline	26	12
East St. Louis, First	67	12
Effingham	15	11
Eureka	66	12
Fairbury	12	18
Flanagan	21	19
Hamilton, First	24	10
Harristown	18	14
Harrisburg	23	15
Humbolt	11	10
Latham	11	15
Lexington	15	12
*Long Point	26	23
Mattoon, Marshall Ave.	36	15
Maywood	33	10
Metropolis, First	39	13
Niantic	23	11
*Oakwood	16	25
Pontiac, First	21	10
Princeton, First	18	10
*Putnam	16	20
Rutland	13	13
INDIANA		
Atlanta	37	11
Atlanta, East Union	14	11
Bargersville, Providence	12	12
Brooklyn	18	11
Clinton	28	12
Daleville	11	10
Delphi	22	11
*Edinburg	51	43
Evansville, Barker Ave.	28	11
*Evansville, East Side	97	28
Fairmont	17	13
Flora, First	26	10
Franklin, Union	34	16
French Lick, First	13	10
Gary, Central	63	11
Glenwood, Orange	13	17
*Glenwood	17	43
Greenfield, Nameless Creek	11	11
Greentown, Meridian St.	25	15
Hillsboro	23	14
*Huntington, Buckeye Rural	18	22
Indianapolis, Central	177	13
Indianapolis, Garden City	30	11
Jeffersonville, First	69	10
Markleville, East	16	13
Milroy	15	10
*Monticello, Oak Grove	27	26
Mt. Summit	21	15
Muncie, University Church	19	14
New Albany, Tunnel Hill	16	13
Noblesville, Refuge	19	16
Owensville	21	10

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	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
Paragon, Alaska	11	10
Pittsboro	26	12
Remington, First	13	10
Rushville, Little Flat Rock	23	11
Valparaiso, First	70	10
Waynetown	17	10
Westfield, Little Eagle Creek	11	18
Wolcott	16	11
IOWA		
Alburnett	11	12
Bloomfield	163	18
Carlisle	17	15
Chariton, Belinda	12	13
Clearfield	14	14
Coggon	18	14
Cumberland	18	15
Des Moines, Mondamin	27	18
Earlham, Early Chapel	12	10
Eldora	11	12
*Goldfield	11	22
Indianapolis, What Cheer	14	12
*Ira	10	38
Keosauqua	12	11
Leon	24	11
Marshalltown, Central	130	10
Montezuma	11	11
Muscatine	16	10
Nevada	21	11
Norwalk	15	11
Packwood	10	13
*Republic Community, Ionia	12	26
Washington	68	16
West Liberty	18	13
Whitten	11	11
Zearing	15	10
KANSAS		
Augusta	60	11
Chanute, First	81	13
Colby	27	14
*Coldwater, First	40	20
Concordia, First	25	14
Eureka, First	41	10
Garden City	51	11
Goodland	34	12
Greensburg	36	16
Horton	13	11
Hoxie	24	18
*Hutchinson, First	84	37
*Hutchinson, Park Place	58	25
Lewis	18	16
*Medicine Lodge, First	91	20
Olathe, First	18	10
Osborne	26	16
Randall	15	12
St. Francis	36	12
*Scott City	119	21
*Sharon Springs	14	23
Stafford, First	44	12
Topeka, Central Park	43	10
Topeka, First	123	10
Topeka, Third	18	11
Utica	13	10
*Wichita, Millbrook	15	25
KENTUCKY		
Boston	22	13
Bowling Green, First	56	10
Burkesville	13	12
*Burlington, Bullittsville	23	24
Carrollton	27	10
Clintonville	12	12
*Crestwood, Central	35	23
*Elmsburg, Pleasureville	11	22
Dawson Springs, First	21	13
Earlington, First	40	12
Eminence, Point Pleasant	33	12
Falmouth	35	12
Frankfort, First	142	11
Fulton, First	24	16
Greenville	27	19
Hazard	22	10
Hazel Green	11	11
Hodgenville	14	16
Hopkinsville, 9th St.	85	10
Jeffersontown	20	14
Kevil, Bethel	20	13
Lancaster	36	10
Lexington, Maxwell St.	22	11
Lexington, Woodland	88	13
Louisville, Bear Grass	77	14
May's Lick	22	14
Middletown	38	16
Morehead	30	15
Mt. Sterling, Somerset	17	14
New Castle	15	12
Newtown	18	11
N. Pleasureville	20	11
Providence	12	17
Ravenna	26	11
Salvisa	12	15
Sebree	12	13
*Waddy	24	24
Winchester, First	100	11
*Winchester, Mt. Zion	11	22

Churches with Highest Per Cent Subscribing

	No. of Subs.	% Subscribing
Los Angeles, California, Gateway-Stoner	21	62
Brooks, Georgia	17	57
Eastman, Georgia	11	51
Arkadelphia, Arkansas	21	53
Zephyrhills, Florida	16	52
Marfa, Texas	57	48
Edinburg, Indiana	51	43
Glenwood, Indiana	17	43
Black Mountain, N. C.	13	43
Winterville, N. C.	18	43

	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
LOUISIANA		
Jennings, First	17	14
Lake Charles, First	21	11
Monroe, First	43	12
New Orleans, Gentilly	11	19
MARYLAND		
Baltimore, Govan's	30	15
Snow Hill	12	12
MICHIGAN		
Ann Arbor, Memorial	30	17
Grand Rapids, Cascade	12	18
Grand Rapids, Central	52	12
Grand Rapids, Franklin	12	11
Jackson	19	15
Kalamazoo, Park St.	42	14
MINNESOTA		
*Lewisville	21	28
St. Paul, First	51	12
MISSISSIPPI		
Clarksdale, First	20	12
Edwards, Southern Christian Institute	19	15
Greenville, First	26	13
Jackson, First	108	15
*Lambert	18	33
*Rome	14	25
Woodville	26	14
MISSOURI		
*Bolckow	21	22
Bonne Terre, First	15	12
Boonville, First	56	19
Braymer	13	16
Bucklin	16	15
Cainsville	10	13
Cairo	15	12
Camdenton	16	11
Charleston	10	13
*Chillicothe, First	121	21
Clarksville	12	12
Coffey	14	16
Columbia, Oakland	19	17
Fairfax	11	16
Gorin	11	18
Gower	22	15
*Hannibal, Mt. Zion	13	20
*Holliday	27	26
Hickman Mills	27	11
Kansas City, Memorial	79	11
Kansas City, Oak Park	126	10
Kearney	20	10
Kennett, First	26	18
Knox City	12	14

Churches *in Legion* with the Most Subscriptions

	No. of Subs.	% Subscribing
Fort Worth, Texas, First	432	13
San Diego, California, University	201	21
Los Angeles, California, Wilshire	265	21
Los Angeles, California, Hollywood-Beverly	198	13
Portland, Oregon, First	197	12
Long Beach, California, East Side	186	23
Indianapolis, Ind., Central	177	13
Whittier, Calif., First	171	14
Bloomfield, Iowa	163	18
Nashville, Tenn., Vine St.	158	11

	No. of subscriptions	Per Cent subscribing
Lewistown	16	14
Lone Jack	12	10
Macon, First	38	13
Marshfield	18	11
Maysville, First	28	12
McCredie, Richland	16	16
Monett, First	26	10
Mountain Grove	20	11
New Franklin	16	15
*Oak Grove	16	20
*Odessa, First	40	23
Paris, First	41	12
*Paris, Pleasant Grove	10	27
Pickering	15	11
Richmond, First	39	17
Rosendale	37	16
St. Louis, Baden	13	17
St. Louis, Dover Place	46	13
St. Louis, Northwest	18	13
Springfield, National Avenue	45	14
Sturgeon	18	14
*Thompson, Liberty	15	23
Trenton, Liberty Chapel	13	12
MONTANA		
Conrad, First	15	11
Deer Lodge	18	13
Hamilton	19	10
NEBRASKA		
Brock, Charter Oak	16	17
Minden, First	25	12
*Overton	11	20
Verdon	11	12
NEVADA		
Las Vegas	11	12
NEW MEXICO		
Albuquerque, Monta Vista	61	11
Artesia	23	12
Roswell, First	71	13
*Santa Fe, First	24	24
NEW YORK		
Brooklyn, Flatbush	30	12
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Bremerton, First	77	17
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Cheney	15	13
Colfax	12	13
*Elma, First	32	25
Everett, Central	37	13
Grandview	22	16
Hoquiam, First	17	16
Longview, First	76	16
Olympia, First	57	12
Orting	12	12
Pomeroy	34	18
Port Orchard	43	16
Pullman	12	17
*Puyallup, First	48	21
Richland	32	18
*Rosalia	35	23
Seattle, Findlay Street	21	17
Seattle, First	99	17
Seattle, Highline	21	11
Seattle, Lake City	13	13
Seattle, North-west	24	14
Seattle, Queen Anne	33	13
*Spokane, South Hill	40	54
*Tacoma, First	89	28
Tacoma, Pine Street	22	11
Tacoma, Roosevelt Heights	24	14
WEST VIRGINIA		
Bluefield, Colfax Memorial	19	17
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WYOMING		
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Social Workers in the Making

MEXICAN Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, is a home missions project of The United Christian Missionary Society. It was founded as an expression of a Christian concern for the Mexican immigrants and their needs. Today it serves a Latin American community of 17,200 population. Staff personnel with strong Christian background and religious training, plus professional training on the graduate level, are greatly needed. Since 1948, M.C.I. has attracted undergraduate students to its staff as volunteer workers. Those exhibiting qualifications for community work are encouraged to take graduate training. The Institute is also serving as a laboratory for students from Latin American countries.

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Making doll clothes is serious business — so is the making of social work leaders. Both require much practice and a will to learn and to serve. Miss Lucia Lewis, a senior at Texas University, spent the 1951 summer months at Mexican Christian Institute. Here she is seen conducting a class in sewing. Mothers want their daughters to learn sewing, cooking, manners and neatness. Boys demand recreation, woodwork, arts and crafts, story-telling.

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Miss Mary Ellen Garcia is the first M.C.I. staff member from the San Antonio area to be introduced to and trained in Christian settlement work by actually participating in the program while attending college. Her first assignment in June this year was that of conducting a cooking class for girls. Miss Garcia received her A.B. degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, which she attended under a scholarship of The United Christian Missionary Society. During three of her four years in college she served as a volunteer at M.C.I. She worked there two full summers. Miss Garcia is active in the Mexican Christian Church. She plans to do graduate work in the near future.

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Miss Betty Clay Shank, here participating in a game of sticks with a group of girls, has been a popular worker with the staff and the children and families of the neighborhood. During the summer of 1950 she served as a volunteer for a brief period of time. Later she returned to M.C.I. to work four months in the girls' department. In June, 1951, she resumed her work toward an M.A. degree.

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Miss Isabel Peraza is from Venezuela and is a student in the Worden School of Social Service. She is one of four Latin American students selected this year by the Children's Bureau to come to the United States to study social work in graduate schools. M.C.I. is one of the approved centers where students can find social problems identical with those in their own countries. The spirit of Christian service exhibited in agencies like M.C.I. attracts these students.

Women and WORLD HIGHWAYS

United Church Women Pursue Peace

By FANNY LEEN*

A FAMILIAR portion of Scripture for all of us is Psalms 34:14, "Seek peace and pursue it." It is assumed that as Christians we are all seeking peace, but perhaps we have not been too diligent in pursuing it. According to Webster, the meaning of the word "pursue" is "to chase or to follow eagerly." In a popular rendition, the verse might read: "Search for peace and run after it."

This text could well have been the theme for the meeting of the board of managers of the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, in May. Although many Christian concerns were under consideration in this meeting, the matter of peace among the peoples of the world, and more particularly, the responsibility of Christian women for doing something constructive about it, recurred again and again in all the sessions.

Official board meetings are not necessarily synonymous with great spiritual experiences; but many in attendance at these business sessions of the United Church Women came away feeling like the prophet of old who cried, "I saw the Lord high and lifted up." This inspirational tone was due largely to the capable leadership of the chairman, Mrs. James D. Wyker. We Disciple women are exceedingly proud of "Mossie," as she is affectionately known throughout our brotherhood. Perhaps a key to her effectiveness as a presiding officer may be found in one of her own statements: "When the Lord's work is done in orderly fashion and with dignity, and is born out of prayer, something always happens." Something did happen as these Christian leaders met together in a spirit of fellowship and prayer.

Noontide Prayer for Peace

By MRS. HARPER SIBLEY

O God, who hast put into the hearts of men a great longing for peace, but hast also given to man the power to choose, grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with thy will. Bind the world together, O God, in fellowship, service, and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfillment of thy purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness. Amen.

AFTER long and thoughtful discussion, and much prayer, a *Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace* was adopted by the board. The official statement of the program follows:

I.

We recommend that the president of the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America issue a call to Christian women in the United States who are working through council and denominational channels, initiating a program to interpret a Christian woman's responsibility for peace.

II.

We recommend a program of action for world peace based on the following:

1. We believe that we should strengthen and use our spiritual resources.
   Therefore: We shall pray that we may be used for peace.
2. We believe that "this nation under God" can be a Christian democracy.
   Therefore: We will live democracy in our home town every day.
3. We believe that, next to the churches, today's best instrument for peace is the United Nations.
   Therefore: We will know it and support it.
4. We believe that we must identify ourselves with the needs, the sufferings, the longings, of the people of the world.
   Therefore: We will discipline ourselves to share our abundance of spiritual and material resources.
5. We believe we must understand the issues of the world struggle for peace.
   Therefore: We will study and discuss with our family and neighbors the issues of peace.

III.

We recommend that the General Department of United Church Women make plans immediately to send a deputation to Washington to visit the President of the United States. This deputation should include the president of the General Department of United Church Women and four other members to be appointed by the president. The purpose of this deputation shall be to ask the President of the United States to issue a declaration at the earliest possible date reaffirming his pledge to the world that he will do all in his power to prevent the United States from becoming the aggressor in any war; that our resources be used for building the peace through all the channels at our disposal, including the United Nations. And further that the President of the United States be informed about *The Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace.*

IV.

We recommend that *The Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace* include the following:

1. Every woman be urged as an *interpreter of peace* to give time and accept disciplines comparable to the time given and the disciplines accepted by the youth who are serving the nation.
2. That the local council and denominational leaders make immediate plans to enlist *interpreters of peace* from their councils and denominations, using the plan of organization best suited to their community.
3. That a simple, brief pictorial leaflet be prepared immediately, presenting *The Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace,* This leaflet and the Daily Noon-Hour Prayer should be distributed by the interpreters as they call on their neighbors to present the action program for peace.
4. Full use be made of all mass media for interpreting this program.
5. Prayer groups, discussion groups, and study groups be planned to serve as a basis of action for peace.

THE call goes out to Disciple women to join in this united program of prayer, study and action. Through the years a host of Disciple women have given leadership to the Department of United Church Women and the ecumenical organizations which preceded it. This is surely following in the tradition of our Disciple heritage. It takes only a casual reading of the history of our early work through such organizations as the Christian Woman's Board of Missions to discover a definite ecumenical trend in the thinking and action of our women in past years.

We feel confident that Disciple women, through Christian Women's Fellowships and other organizations, will be eager to join with other Christian women in implementing this Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace.

*Mrs. Theodore R. Leen, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Kansas Bible Chair
Lawrence, Kansas

IN spite of the uncertainty as to the enrollment at Kansas University next year, the Kansas Bible Chair and the School of Religion plan no curtailment in the number of courses offered for the year—they may increase their offerings. It is anticipated that an additional religious body will have a representative on the faculty.

Dean Harold G. Barr, director of the Kansas Bible Chair and dean of the School of Religion, received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Phillips University at spring Commencement at which time he gave the Baccalaureate sermon.

Kansas University through its extension division is offering a correspondence course in the Social Teachings of Jesus. The course was written by Dean Barr. The University has requested additional courses which will extend the service of the Kansas Bible Chair to more ministers.

The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

During the early summer the College of the Bible was host for a series of five open houses when nearly seven hundred people attended the programs held on Sunday afternoons. The programs were designed to help Kentucky churchmen and the seminary become better acquainted.

Butler University
School of Religion
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Sixth Annual Religious Radio Workshop, sponsored by the Protestant Radio Commission, was held at the School of Religion, Butler University, during August. Attendance was limited to fifty persons. The workshop was brought to the School of Religion because of the modern and adequate radio facilities which were built two years ago.

Dean and Mrs. O. L. Shelton spent several weeks of the summer in Great Britain where Dean Shelton was a fraternal delegate of the International Convention to the annual British Conference held in Barrow, England.

The School of Religion conducted several short courses during the summer which included work in the children's department, the urban church, and pastoral counseling.

Beginning this fall the School will offer the degree of Master of Religious Education after approximately two years of graduate work.

Culver-Stockton College
Canton, Missouri

Culver-Stockton College is in the midst of a campaign for $300,000 to meet the necessary financial requirements to maintain a quality school in these difficult times. In launching the campaign, President L. E. Ziegler pointed to the contributions that the College has made and must continue to make in all areas of life, and indicated the urgency that the nation must feel for strong institutions of higher education sponsored and supported by the church.

Seven students from the school of music of Culver-Stockton College were selected for parts in the fifty-two voice chorus of the Municipal Opera in St. Louis. A different opera was presented each week during the summer.

Eureka College
Eureka, Illinois

Eureka College has been selected as one of the schools in the United States where a University Christian Mission will be held this fall. Sponsored by the University Christian Mission of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, the mission will provide three or four outstanding leaders for a week of intensive religious emphasis on the campus.

Among the leaders will be Dr. T. Z. Koo, of the University of Iowa; Dr. M. Lennox, specialist in courtship and marriage, and executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches; and Dr. A. Allen Walker of Australia.

Three colleges of the Disciples of Christ—Hiram, Butler, and Eureka—were among fifty colleges and universities in the nation cited especially for the achievement of their graduates in science in a research study made by a committee at Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut. The research committee ranked several hundred colleges and universities of all types on the basis of the percentage of male graduates who continued study to the Ph. D. degree. The study was based on the graduating classes of 1924 to 1934.

One of the conclusions of the study was to the effect that what was more important than equipment was the personal and human factor of the teacher. In nearly every instance it was a strong and devoted teacher who inspired his students to continue to higher levels of achievement.

Hiram College
Hiram, Ohio

Among those who received Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service for 1951 from Hiram College were Dr. Harry Benton McCormick and Harry Benton Turner. Dr. McCormick is a graduate of the class of 1908, and Mr. Turner is a graduate of the class of 1903. Dr. McCormick recently retired as president of The United Christian Missionary Society; Mr. Turner has been a teacher and a city superintendent of schools.

Phillips University
Enid, Oklahoma

Hope and Ezekiel Albert from Jubbulpore, India, students of Phillips University, left immediately after Commencement for a speaking tour prior to their trip home to India. Albert received his Masters of Education and Bachelor of Divinity degrees, and Hope her Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics at the spring Commencement. Hope received her Masters of Education last summer. They arrived home in September where Albert expects to enter the ministry.

Bethany College
Bethany, West Virginia

Of the 144 seniors graduating from Bethany College last June, 18 were from the department of ministerial training directed by Dr. Harry L. Ice. One of these eighteen won the Oreon E. Scott award for distinguished scholarship. She is Miss Alice Crook of Wadsworth, Ohio, who is continuing in graduate work at the University of Chicago. Twelve are in The College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, Drew University, and the University of Chicago. Four are already in pastorates. The fifth has become director of religious education in the Miles Avenue Church of Christ in Cleveland, and the sixth has accepted a position on the staff of Southern Christian Institute.

Eighty-eight young people gathered on the campus during the week of July 22-28 for the Western Pennsylvania Young People's Conference. Director of the conference was Miss Alice M. Drake of Washington, Pa. A. T. Russell of the West Boulevard Christian Church in Cleveland served as dean.

The conference followed two weeks of meetings of the West Virginia youth and adult conferences under the direction of Ralph Valentine of Huntington, W. Va.

Atlantic Christian College
Wilson, North Carolina

Atlantic Christian College dedicated two new buildings in the early summer. A library was made possible through a large

gift of the late Clarence L. Hardy, of Maury, North Carolina. It will care for 70,000 volumes and will house the special collection of literature dealing with the Disciples of Christ compiled by C. C. Ware, secretary of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society. The building provides conference rooms, audio-visual facilities, and reading lounges.

A woman's dormitory completed last fall was the other building to be officially received by the administration.

Lee J. Howard of Kinston has been added to the faculty as associate professor of music. His teaching duties begin with the opening of the fall school term, September 10.

Mr. Howard's family has been identified with Atlantic Christian College for many years. His father, Curtis W. Howard, has served as a member of the board of trustees since 1938. Howard Chapel was erected in memory of his grandfather who was a member of the board of trustees for twenty-eight years preceding his death in 1932. He had been a minister of the Disciples of Christ for sixty years.

Mr. Howard is qualified to teach in the fields of music theory and history, band, choral singing, and church school music. Organ, piano, cello, and harpsichord are among the instruments in which he has special interest.

Neil Lindley, son of President and Mrs. D. Ray Lindley, has been chosen as one of thirty young people from the United States to serve as a field worker for the "Call to United Christian Youth Action." Mr. Lindley, a summer school student at Atlantic Christian, is preparing for the ministry.

Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Texas Christian University reported a slight increase of enrollment in the summer session. Offerings in twenty-one departments in day school and twelve in the department of evening college attracted a large number of students.

Seventy-five year old co-ed, Mrs. Bertha Mason Fuller, of Little Rock, Arkansas, returned to her alma mater, Texas Christian University, for summer graduate work in Brite College of the Bible.

Mrs. Fuller, who received her bachelor's degree with the class of 1896, claims partial credit for the selection of T.C.U.'s school colors. She was one of a committee of three appointed in 1896 to select the colors for the first football game the university ever played. Her suggestion of white for purity and purple for royalty met with unanimous approval of the student body, she recalls.

Dr. John Knox, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature and Director of Studies at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of the Divinity School at Yale University, are to be the speakers for the annual Ministers' Week, February 4-7, 1952, according to President M. E. Sadler. Both scholars will speak on the Wells and McFadin Lectureships.

Dr. William L. Reed, professor of Old Testament, and family sailed from New York on August 3 for Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Reed is on a year's leave of absence and will direct the work of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, headquarters for American archaeologists.

Dr. Reed attended the school on a fellowship from Yale University in 1937. He will return to Fort Worth in September, 1952.

Transylvania College
Lexington, Kentucky

Frank A. Rose, until recently the minister of the First Christian Church, Danville, Kentucky, assumed his duties as president of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., on September 1. Mr. Rose is a native of Mississippi, a graduate of Transylvania College and The College of the Bible, with a year's graduate study at the University of London. He is a former member of the staff and faculty of Transylvania College. Mr. Rose succeeds Dr. Raymond F. McLain who resigned to join the staff of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Frank A. Rose

The Kentucky Classroom Teachers' Leaders Conference, held on the Transylvania campus during June, attracted a large number of teachers. Three semester hours of college credit were granted those who completed the course successfully.

At a meeting of the board of curators of the College on June 30, it was reported that sufficient funds are now available to claim the full amount of the $100,000 from a foundation to make the new library of the college a reality. The college board contributed $73,995.16; other interested individuals contributed the necessary balance.

The Disciples Divinity House
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The Disciples Divinity House at its Convocation in June cooperated with the Chicago Christian Ministers' Association in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Roy G. Ross upon the assumption of Dr. Ross' new duties as associate director of the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A.

Scholarship awards for the quarter beginning October 1 have been announced by Dean W. B. Blakemore. They are for three students from Texas Christian University: G. E. Stanford, Jr., S. C. Pearson, and C. J. Brown; and for R. B. Lewis of Hiram College.

"The Idea of a United Protestantism" will be the general title of four lectures to be delivered by Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of *The Christian Century*, in Mandel Hall, October 29-31, 1951.

The first lecture, "The Ecumenical Awakening," will be given at four o'clock, October 29, and will be followed by the second lecture, "A Critique of Denominationalism," at eight o'clock. The third lecture, "Churches or the Church—We Must Choose!" will be given at eight o'clock, October 30. The concluding lecture, "The Dynamics of Christian Unity," will be at eight o'clock, October 31.

The Rt. Reverend Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington, D.C., will give an address on World Christianity at eleven o'clock, Monday morning, October 29.

Illinois Disciples Foundation
Champaign, Illinois

C. W. Longman, well known among Disciples of Christ churches, has been employed as full-time field secretary for the Foundation and he assumed his new duties July 15. He and Mrs. Longman will reside in Springfield, Illinois.

The Foundation is offering a course for credit at the University of Illinois on "Christian Principle of Living." The course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, and will deal with problems of morals, both personal and social, in the light of the teaching of the Bible and the great thinkers of Christian History.

Northwest Christian College
Eugene, Oregon

Dr. Guy J. Wright, former pastor of the First Christian Church, Kirksville, Missouri, joined the faculty at Northwest Christian College in September. He is a graduate of Eureka College and Drake University, and has his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He will teach in the field of Old Testament.

At the June meeting of the board of trustees of the college, the new dormitory was named in honor of Kendall E. Burke, former president of the college. The building will be dedicated September 19.

New Faculty Member Reports from Argentina

CARL R. Garnett, appointed by The United Christian Missionary Society to a 3-year term of service in Argentina, is serving on the faculty of the American School Division of Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires. Among his first impressions are the following:

"The Argentine people have a sympathetic attitude toward a foreigner attempting to use their language. They are extremely polite and tactful in helping you to find the word you want, and also to find your way about the city. After my first trip through the city I felt as though I had visited it before.

"My associations in the American Grammar and High School have been very gratifying. The members of the faculty and the secretarial force have been most cordial and helpful. The pupils are cooperative. By their initiative and application they inspire me to do better work."

For Adult Mission Study

Theme: *Churches for Our Country's Needs*

October
Churches on Frontiers

HERMANN N. Morse at the national congress on home missions held in Columbus, Ohio, in January, 1950, said that home missions did its work well but could never finish it because the nation has never stopped growing and changing. He emphasized the fact that the last twenty years have probably witnessed a more profound change than any similar period in our history. Society has developed, our people have increased in mobility, secularism prevails today, and traditional standards and loyalties have been undermined. We need to maintain the church on every frontier of life as a vital, life-giving force.

Big City Gets a New Church—Mexican Church Changes Pastors

Do not fail to read Lyle Newman's article, "Big City Gets a New Church," in the current issue of WORLD CALL. Mr. Newman is the national director working in the field of the urban church for The United Christian Missionary Society. Like the other directors in the Division of Home Missions, he carries a heavy load—the needs of churches for help he does not have time to give. For instance, our Spanish-speaking Christian churches—the mission ones—are his responsibility and he knows they need help. They need to improve their programs and enlarge their outreach. He will visit them in October and take time to counsel with the pastors and the church members; but if he gives them even two weeks out of the fifty-two, he will be robbing other churches that need his help.

The Mexican church at San Benito, Texas, is losing its fine pastor, Marcelina Pollock, who is going to Texas Christian University to continue his education. Virgilio Gonzales, for many years a trusted and effective pastor in Puerto Rico, has accepted the San Benito pastorate. Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales will bring to their work years of rich experience in Puerto Rico, both in the Christian church and in interdenominational work.

Do Not Neglect WORLD CALL

In the July-August issue of WORLD CALL there was an excellent article, *The Church Must Lead,* by Edward D. Hamner, professor of rural church work at Phillips University. It has a subtitle, "Rural Churches Should Plan to Meet Our Country's Needs." Read that article and then quietly outline one of your own whether you belong to a rural church or an urban church. Entitle yours "My Church Should Plan to Meet Our Country's Needs." Follow your thinking with some steady, quiet effort to further such planning.

Do not neglect WORLD CALL for its articles, its news, its illustrations. Remember the missionary worship service that appears in each issue. The one in this issue to accompany our October study is *Our Country Needs Christians*—"Generous Christians."

Churches Connected with Institutions

A few items in regard to our churches connected with the institutions at Hazel Green, Kentucky; White Swan, Washington; Edwards, Mississippi; Hawkins, Texas; and Los Angeles, California, will bring program material for this month a little more up to date. All of the churches are growing and attempting to reach out into community life. Here are a few specific items:

A gift of a Baldwin electric organ to S. C. I. will enrich the worship services of the school and of the church which meets in the school auditorium. A word about the stewardship of this church which, according to the 1950 Year Book, had a membership of 127: The per capita giving that year was $9.30. How does that compare with per capita giving in your church?

The Christian church at Hazel Green, Kentucky, continues to meet in the auditorium of Hazel Green Academy as it has done since the building was destroyed by fire. Funerals, weddings, and regular church services have all been held in the auditorium. A number of students united with the church during the services of the past year, eleven of them at one time. The church at Hazel Green and the one on the campus of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, are striving heartily to tie institution and community together.

The average weekly attendance of the church at White Swan—attendance through the school year—was 72. There is an *active* church membership of 30. Every child in the dormitory of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission who is of eligible age is a member of the church. The annual report for 1950-51 tells of a girl who was taken from a detention home the beginning of the year. At first she was very unpopular in the dormitory. She failed, too, to adjust in a foster home. This Indian girl made her confession last Easter. She became a Christian in life as well as in name and re-entered the dormitory a changed girl. She had a real religious experience. One of the girls in the dormitory said: "If we'd all made as much progress this year as Shirley has, we'd all be missionaries!" Cottage prayer meetings ranged from 15 to 60 in attendance.

All Peoples Church in 1950-51 added 52 members and lost four. The membership at year's end was 187. The greatest growth of the year resulted from 88 visits by church callers during the Lenten season. Of the sixteen persons baptized on Easter Sunday, two were young housewives, two were college men, and there were twelve high school students. The Church and Center are conducting a leadership training program which begins with ninth graders.

Here a Little, There a Little

In Los Angeles for many years there has been a Filipino Christian Church. The rented quarters in which the church has met were recently sold and a move was necessary. The congregation was fortunate in finding a Methodist church building available for purchase in a near-by section where many Filipinos lived. The Board of Church Extension helped in the purchase with a loan of $15,000 and a grant of $2,500. The United Christian Missionary Society is aiding with a grant of $2,500.

In faraway New Brunswick—far from Los Angeles, that is—the Cobourg Street Christian Church, an old church, borrowed from the Board of Church Extension to make some necessary repairs. To carry on and meet its obligations, some temporary mission aid was needed and a small grant from mission funds has been made for a period of two years. Thus go our gifts to many places like these—here a little, there a little, helping churches that are trying to speed the Master's work.

"Oh, What a Beautiful Day!"

CHAPLAIN Robert Kern was free for the evening. Throughout the busy day he had realized that the sunshine was brighter than usual. A memory of a similar day in his boyhood had kept trying to enter his mind but there had been no time for it. Now, sitting on a hillside near the base and watching a colorful sunset, he relived that other day of sunshine, a day early in the century.

Traveler and Prince jogged along. They had helped to pull a plow for the last several days and now felt no inclination to trot even though the spring wagon was light compared with the plow. Owen Kern didn't push them. From home to church was only a mile and a half.

The spirit of the passengers contrasted sharply with that of the horses. There was anticipation in faces and voices. The magic in gold and blue they saw in the sunshine and sky helped color their spirits. Northwestern Oklahoma had furnished an exhilarating day.

And it was Sunday. The very word had a festive sound to Bob. The last two of his seventeen years had been spent in the newly settled farm neighborhood where Sunday furnished most of the social life. Soon he would be one of a little knot of boys which began to gather each Sunday morning as soon as the second boy drove up. He and his friends would stand and visit between the one-room frame school building and the row of hitching posts about thirty feet to the north. The occasion was precious. And, then, after church the Kerns were going home with the Bemans for dinner. Clarence Beman was nineteen. Every minute would be pleasant—the dinner and every hour of the all-too-short afternoon.

Bob's mind shot ahead to the afternoon. Mrs. Beman would play the parlor organ the family had brought in a covered wagon from Missouri. Every member of both families would sing hymns and some other favorite pieces. "Red Wing" "Little Old Sod Shanty on the Claim," and "Those Evening Bells" were the numbers Bob had in mind to suggest. Mr. Beman would see that "Bicycle Built for Two" was included. Traveler and Prince jogged on.

Bob listened in on bits of conversation coming from his parents in the front seat. Nothing new, but it was interesting to hear their comments on late happenings. The group of worshipers meeting in the Spring Creek schoolhouse for Sunday school were now organized into a church. His parents considered that a great step forward.

Two weeks ago the gospel wagon with its bed, stove, and other necessities for living, had driven into the community, bringing the evangelist and his wife. R. S. Smedley—who had practiced law and medicine and published a newspaper as well as preached—was one of the most active evangelists of the American Christian Missionary Society. Two men had carried the portable organ into the schoolhouse. Then the meeting began. Preaching services were held each evening. Any who made the good confession were baptized after the services in near-by Spring Creek, where the blonde sand and clumps of willows were illuminated by the bright moon. Today was the last day of the meeting. Among the settlers who had come into the church were representatives of several home states and various communions. This was to be the church of the community. Now, twenty-some members looked forward to bringing all families of the neighborhood into the fellowship.

Bob's thoughts ran back over the two years since his family had moved onto their claim. Settlers had not raced for the land in this part of Oklahoma and driven stakes into the ground to announce their ownership. Rather, a family chose a plot—usually a quarter-section, 160 acres—and lived on it five years to receive a clear title to it from the United States Government. At first the Kerns had driven ten miles to the Laverne flat for Sunday school and occasional preaching. Later worship was rotated among three larger than average homes in a neighboring community.

Over a year ago the Kerns and a few other families had begun services in a sod house across Spring Creek from the present building. The bachelor owner was much away and had offered his house for the district school and for church services. And here worship and Sunday school were held for a year. The young schoolmaster was himself a homesteader who taught during six winter months. On Sunday his tuning fork set the pitch for the hymns.

With spring had come the resolve to build a frame building for the district school. Bob and other boys had helped the men build the schoolhouse, now used for Sunday services, also. Those weeks stood out in Bob's memory. Great fun working and visiting with the others. At noon all ate their basket lunches together and offered their wit and wisdom in a stream of conversation.

Traveler and Prince had turned the corner. Bob could see the hitching posts. Three wagons and two buggies had already arrived. One saddled horse was tied beside the teams. The future looked bright—a new country, a good crop harvested and the promise of another, a young church just launching on its career, Sunday school with preaching and communion service, a beautiful day—and friends.

Chaplain Kern recalled that the congregation had moved in 1912 to the newly established town of Laverne some five miles distant. He wondered how many of the 8,000 churches of his communion have had similar beginnings. He thanked God that life had given him the opportunity of growing up with a young church in a new, fresh land.

—MARETA SMOOT

Calendar Project

A pictorial calendar, 9"x13", twelve sheets, illustrating the activities of All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center is available.

The calendar lends itself to many uses. The space for each day is ample for writing in the events of your youth group. Activities may be projected for a three- or six-months' period and listed on the calendar for distribution to each member of your group. Youth might approach church school classes, Christian Women's Fellowship, Laymen's League, suggesting that these groups use the All Peoples calendar to publicize their activities. The calendars may also be used for Christmas, birthday, or friendship gifts. Or to keep a record of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. (Include your missionary and minister in this listing.)

Your order must reach Los Angeles by October 30. So order your copies *now!* The cost is thirty-five cents each for twenty-five or more copies. To save the cost of billing, etc., send with your order a check or money order in full payment to All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, 822 E. 20th St., Los Angeles, Calif. No order will be acknowledged, but delivery may be expected by December 1.

Members of groups should familiarize themselves with the story of All Peoples. *PM Pack No. 5*, Fellowship,* Fall, 1951, issue*, and the 16mm. sound film, *For All People*†, are good resources.

Distribute the calendars on a donation basis. Most purchasers will gladly pay fifty cents, or a dollar, or more when they know of the work done through All Peoples. All proceeds should be included in the quarterly CWFF offering and remitted to the Indianapolis office.

Give emphasis to the educational values of knowing about All Peoples through the illustrations on the calendar—do not "raise money" by merely selling calendars. "Calendarize" the entire church membership; "reach all people for All Peoples."

—CHARLES C. MILLS

*Order from Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo.

†Rental $6.00 from the United Society, 222 So. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind.

WORLD CALL

Echoes From Everywhere

Welcome to Manila, Mr. and Mrs. Owen!

Disciple brethren were on hand to meet and greet us when we reached Manila. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malotte of Union Church; the Norwood Tyes who came down from Vigan; and the Harry Fongers, veteran Disciple missionaries now with the American Bible Society. We were happy in having met Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber in Yokohama on their way home. Their boat docked just opposite ours.

We arrived at the time of the Union Theological Seminary graduation. Six of the thirty-four graduates are Disciples of Christ, all serving one way or another in our churches. This is the forty-third year for this interdenominational seminary.

The people here have been friendly and cordial. Filipino youth are very ambitious to get an education. The zeal and activity of our church people amaze us. Nowhere have we found such interest, eagerness and willingness to work as we have among our Disciple Tagalog brethren.

—George Earl Owen

Manila, Philippines

Pendra Road Church Raises Its Roof

On April 15, 1951, the Pendra Road, India, Christian Church celebrated the completion of the re-roofing of its building. Over ten years ago it was necessary to remove the roof for the walls were cracking and the building was considered dangerous.

The roof was taken off, the old walls straightened, and the building enlarged. No materials were then available, however, to replace the roof. All these years the building has stood open to the wind and weather, and the congregation has worshiped in the most inadequate Community House.

Now the roof is on again. With much thanksgiving the new-like building was dedicated to the worship of God.

—*India Mission News*

Resistencia Church Is Under Construction

Sunday afternoon, April 29, the cornerstone of our new church in Resistencia, Argentina, was laid. This long-looked-for event marks a great step forward in the life of this our newest congregation in Argentina. It is the first Protestant church building to be erected in this provincial capital of eighty thousand.

Official visitors were Pastor Silvio Azzati, president of the Council of Disciple Churches in Argentina; Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive secretary for Latin America of The United Christian Missionary Society; and Paul Andress, treasurer of the Disciples of Christ South America Mission.

A congregation of about two hundred was present. The sermon was preached by Nicolas Martinez, pastor of the Resistencia church. His theme was "Jesus Christ the Church's Foundation." Feliciano Sarli, who established the work in Resistencia seven years ago, and Baptist pastors of Resistencia and Corrientes assisted in the service.

—Paul Andress

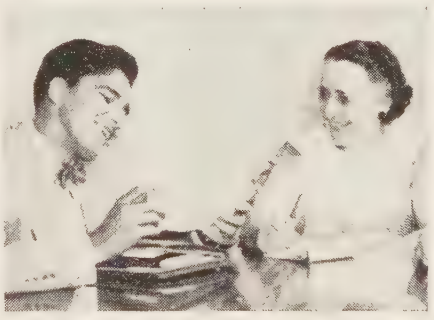
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Hazel Green Graduates Twelve

Sunday afternoon hikes over the beautiful hills around Hazel Green, Kentucky, a party given by the Pep Club, loitering on the campus with wholesome work interwoven, these are memories to live in the hearts of many Hazel Green Academy students as the 1950-51 school term came to a close.

One of the delightful events of Commencement Week was the music recital directed by Mrs. James I. Hollon. The chorus of fifty voices and piano students in evening attire presented a full evening's program. The senior play, directed by Miss Anne Atchison, was presented Saturday evening, May 26. Sunday evening an organ recital was given by Charles A. Englert, husband of Anne Rudd, former student of the Academy.

CYF Fraternal Delegate Arrives from Puerto Rico



Fernando L. Rivera and Miss Hancock

The Puerto Rican churches joined with The United Christian Missionary Society in sending Fernando L. Rivera to the United States as a fraternal delegate to the International CYF Commission meeting at Champaign, Illinois, in August. His first stop was Missions Building, Indianapolis, where he talked with Miss Carrie Dee Hancock, director of children's missionary activities, and others regarding youth work in Puerto Rico. He said he has attended young people's conferences for ten years.

Mr. Rivera is president of the CYF of the Camerio Street Church in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, the largest youth group on the island. He is a Junior at the University of Puerto Rico, majoring in political and social science. He says he is considering the possibility of going into some kind of religious work. Mr. Rivera participated in a number of young people's conferences and in state CYF Commission meetings while in the States. He was to return home August 31.

The Baccalaureate service was conducted by Riley Shirley, pastor of the Methodist Church. The Commencement address, Monday, May 28, was delivered by Allen Huber, missionary to the Philippines who had recently returned to the States.

Twelve students received diplomas. Most of them expect to go on to higher learning; others will go into business. One graduate entered the service of his country almost immediately.

To some, Hazel Green Academy has been more than a school—it has been home. May they ever remember they have been nurtured by the church and that wherever their paths may wind, our prayers and love go with them.

—*Hazel Green Academy News*

Work Camp at Lagangilang, Abra

Fourteen persons enrolled in a work camp at Lagangilang, Abra. These young people come from churches cooperating in the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches, and from as far south as the island of Mindanao. They donated their time and paid their own transportation and board. This was real sacrificial service on their part.

Reuben Batoon, the local pastor, and Miss Luningning Asuncion, the director of the Christian Training School, were the co-directors.

The project was the new student center and chapel built with Crusade funds. The government Agricultural High School in this town has an enrollment of around four hundred students. Most of them come from the pagan areas of the mountains and are sympathetic and responsive to the Christian message.

—Norwood B. Tye

Visitors Leave Buenos Aires

It was a great privilege to visit the Disciples of Christ in Buenos Aires and to be able to preach from the pulpits of their lovely churches. One is struck by their beauty. The Colegiales Church has all the charm of beautiful churches in the homeland.

One is struck even more by the strength of those who come to worship and by the beauty and order of the services. The Easter morning service will never be forgotten. It seemed as if a wave of joy and love swept through the congregation where I had given the Easter message, sweeping everything before it.

Mrs. Huegel and I give thanks for the many expressions of love on the part of so many dear ones in Argentina.

—F. J. Huegel

Mexico City, Mexico

Report from Apayao Most Encouraging

Two hundred and seventy-five delegates registered for our annual church convention in Apayao in April. By actual count over 350 were present for the closing sessions.

When Louis A. Saunders reopened the

work in this area in 1947, only two churches were meeting regularly, and one of these had only nine members. When Mr. Saunders returned to the States at the close of his short term, Harvey and May Lord moved to this area and worked for about eight months. The results of the work of these three people, along with the faithful Ilocano pastors who went with them to this isolated area, are amazing. We believe that if we have the personnel and the funds Apayao can be the first thoroughly Protestant province in the Philippines.

No resident missionary has been in Apayao since the Lords went home last year, and there will be none until the Lynn Keyes arrive this fall. The faithful pastors and workers from the lowlands have remained in this area to do really sacrificial missionary work.

Twenty-five places in Apayao now have regular worship every Sunday. Five of these are fully organized as churches. One hundred and eighty-three persons were baptized last year. Almost a thousand children are enrolled in Sunday schools.

—Norwood B. Tye

Circus Performers Receive Bibles

The annual visit of the Ringling Brothers circus to Madison Square Garden affords agents of the New York Bible Society an opportunity to distribute the Scriptures to the performers and other employees from many parts of the world. This year we used 74 Testaments and 253 Scripture Portions in English, German, Spanish, Bulgarian, Hungarian, French, Italian, Swedish, and Polish.

Many of these people mentioned that they had received Scriptures from us in past years, a few as far back as in the *old* Madison Square Garden. Some said that they read the Bible daily; others that they would not travel without it.

—*The Bible in New York*

Missionary Worship Service

Theme: *Our Country Needs Christians*

Generous Christians

October

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" *(Christian Worship: A Hymnal,* 470)

Prayer: We thank thee, our loving Father, for the generous people who have given of themselves and of their means to plant the church in our beloved land. We thank thee for those who have taught freely and joyously the great truths of the gospel, witnessing to those truths in their own lives. We thank thee for generous Christians, our Father, and repent of our own ungenerous thoughts and deeds. Forgive us for our failure to undergird thy work with gifts of ourselves, our resources, and our prayers. Amen.

Leader: Let us meditate for a moment upon these lines from an unknown poet—

Still, as of old,
Man by himself is priced.
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ.

(Pause, then continue.)
How different was Paul! He was generous. He gave himself completely. Listen to him talking to the elders at Ephesus:

I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—*Acts 20:33-35**

Solo *(unannounced, using the stanzas below):* "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *(Christian Worship: A Hymnal,* 422)

And we believe Thy word,
Though dim our faith may be,
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless,
Is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring.
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christlike thing.

—*William W. How*

Leader: Listen again to the words of Paul. Hear what he said of generosity when he was writing to the Romans:

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

—*Romans 12:6-8**

God blesses still the generous thought,
And still the fitting word He speeds,
And Truth, at His requiring taught,
He quickens into deeds.

—*John G. Whittier*

Our country needs Christians, generous Christians. As we come to the time when we bring our gifts of substance, let us dedicate ourselves to more generous service to Christ and the church, to our country and its people, and to the cause of Christ around the world. May we make ready to fare forth, searching for new frontiers where we can serve and witness. Let us make our offering hymn one of true dedication, singing it as a prayer.

Offertory Hymn and Prayer: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" *(Christian Worship: A Hymnal,* 422)

Missionary Benediction

*Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.

In Memoriam

Mrs. D. L. Patten, March 16, 1951, Hale, Mo. Active leader in Hale Christian Church as chorister, past president of women's council, and young adult teacher. Gave generously of her musical talent and of her time.

Mrs. Elias Frey, June 17, 1951, Pendleton, Ind. She poured her talents of wit, intelligence, and spiritual grace into the church. She was a lifelong member of the church and missionary society. Age 79.

James S. Compton, May 1951, Carson City, Nev. Teacher at Southern Christian Institute from 1897 to 1901, returning to Eureka College in 1904 as an instructor in biology. At various times he taught at Hazel Green, Ky. Went to Carson City in 1944 after retiring in 1940.

Hjalmar Wielandt Jensen, May 16, 1951, Carthage, Mo. Born in Denmark of dairy-minded parents, he brought his knowledge to America and founded the Carthage Creamery Co. A faithful member of First Christian Church and firm believer in missions, he supported the C.W.F.

Mrs. Minnie Groom King, June 15, 1951, Liberty, Mo. Most of her life was lived in the house built by her father in 1869. Her gracious presence brought good cheer to the sick and distressed in the community. A host of relatives and friends mourn her departure; the home has lost its brightest jewell; the community its dearest friend; and Mt. Olivett Church its most beloved member.

Mrs. Ruth E. Stout, June 26, 1951, Colorado Springs, Colo. Widow of the Rev. Charles G. Stout. She was a life member of the C.W.B.M. when active in University Church, Des Moines, Iowa, and her husband was state evangelist. She had a great interest in adding books to the church library.

Mrs. Sadie Barbre, June 15, 1951, Taylorville, Ill. Beloved member of the Davis Memorial Church and the C.W.F. She gave of her time, talent and money to Christian service. Member of the missionary society about fifty years. Age 82.

Mrs. Minnie C. LaMaster, March 30, 1951, Eminence, Ky. Devoted and faithful member of the Christian church. Active worker in the missionary society and Bible school. An inspiration to all. Age 84.

Mrs. Kate F. Young, May 23, 1951, Eminence, Ky. Member of Eminence Christian Church for 70 years. Also a member of the missionary society, and a Bible School teacher. Age 86.

Mrs. Hattie Fuqua Moody, June 13, 1951, Miami, Fla. Member of Eminence, Kentucky, Christian Church for more than 70 years. Charter member of the missionary society, and leader and teacher of children. Age 89.

WORLD CALL NEWS ROOM

DR. Walter W. Sikes, national director of peace and interracial understanding with The United Christian Missionary Society, delivered the baccalaureate address at Indiana University June 17. The University graduated 3,048 in the 1951 class.

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Thirteen Disciples occupying strategic church-related positions were granted scholarships by the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society to attend interracial and cultural institutes. Institutes were conducted at Lincoln Seminary, Lincoln University, Pa., July 23-27; Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., Aug. 6-10; and Menucha Conference Grounds, Corbett, Ore., Aug. 20-24. All were sponsored by the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wolfe, students at Northwest Christian College, worked on subsistence salaries at Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Wash., during the summer. They helped with the daily vacation Bible school and then took their own house trailer to Celilo Falls to work during the salmon fishing season.

Malcolm L. Norment, director of Yakima Indian Christian Mission, was honored with the doctor of divinity degree by Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., June 10. Dr. Norment was graduated from Bethany in 1917. Much of his life has been spent in the Paraguay Mission, where he was one of the founders of Colegio Internacional, one of the country's finest schools. Another of Dr. Norment's mission projects was the development of the leper colony at Sapucay.

Dr. Norment and his family have been in the States since 1945.

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Donald F. West, executive secretary for the department of India, the Philippines and Thailand with The United Christian Missionary Society, was appointed by its board of trustees in June as the Disciple representative on the board of Vellore Christian Medical College. The medical school in South India is one of the union projects which get Disciple cooperation. Mr. West succeeds Dr. C. M. Yocum, who retired in 1950.

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Miss Betty Jane Courtney and Paul Hunter Beckelhymer were married Aug. 19 at Chauncey, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Gilbert B. Courtney, father of the bride, and Dr. H. B. McCormick, former president of The United Christian Missionary Society. The bride was until July 1 the director of children's work in Ohio, and Mr. Beckelhymer is pastor of the Kenton, Ohio, Christian Church.

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Responsibility for the direction of missionary education of children and youth within the framework of The United Christian Missionary Society was transferred July 1 from the department of missionary organization to the department of religious education. Miss Carrie Dee Hancock is now director of children's missionary activities, and Charles C. Mills is director of youth missionary activities. Both positions carry the same responsibilities the directors carried before July 1. The transfer was directed by action of the board of trustees of the Society to coordinate more closely the different phases of religious education.

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Miss Patricia Clark, New Augusta, Ind.; Miss Helen Zeigler, Boonville, Mo.; Mrs. Harriet McEuen, Lexington, Ky.; Miss Shirley McClain, Lincoln, Neb.; Clarence Ketch, College Station, Tex.; John P. Neff, Berkeley, Calif.; and Romaine R. Rasmussen, North Platte, Neb., attended a student workers' training conference in Missions Building, Indianapolis, July 2-14. The conference program included a course in the history of student work, given by Parker Rossman, national director, orientation in Disciple agencies, discussion panels and field trips to Purdue, Butler and Indiana Universities. Conference personnel either have taken or are preparing to take positions in student work.

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Mrs. Gary Crone became full-time director of children's work in Illinois and Wisconsin July 1. She is a member of the field staff of the department of religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society, but her work has the support of the Illinois Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Board of Publication.

Mrs. Crone has been serving part time as director in Illinois. She has taught weekday church schools in Peoria, and has been a leader in laboratory schools throughout the country.

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Books bought with interest from the Harness Memorial Fund now provide instruction and entertainment for children in Japan, the Philippines, Mexico, Yakima Indian Christian Mission, Mexican Christian Institute and All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center. The fund was established by her friends to honor the memory of Mrs. C. T. Harness, director of adult and children's work 1944-48 in the department of missionary organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society.

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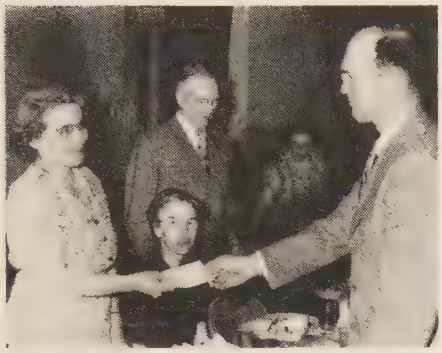
Mrs. H. B. McCormick of Indianapolis, Ind., has been named a volunteer leader to serve Disciple churches through the department of missionary organizations of The United Christian Missionary Society. Mrs.

Jacksonville Church Built in 1950

First Christian Church, Jacksonville, Fla., dedicated its new sanctuary Oct. 29, 1950. Its church plant is now valued at more than $350,000.00. The church identified in the July-August WORLD CALL, page 23, as the Jacksonville church is the First Christian Church in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Both were aided by loans from Church Extension.

McCormick has given generously of her time in the field of personal devotions and the formation of prayer cells. She has served in important church positions in Ohio and in many national Disciple organizations. She is the first of a volunteer group of resource people planned by the department.



MRS. WILHELMA ZOE JAGGARD received a purse from First Christian Church, Iowa City, Iowa, to buy equipment needed for her return to the Congo Mission. Dr. Lawrence Ely of University Hospital presented the gift. In the background is Dr. C. I. Miller, chairman of the board, and seated is Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Jaggard is the widow of Dr. Louis F. Jaggard, who served 36 years in Congo. After his death in January Mrs. Jaggard decided to return to the field. She took refresher courses in French and educational methods, and will sail early in September for the field.

Al Pennybacker of Chattanooga, Tenn., president-elect of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission, joined the staff of the department of religious education early in August for a four-months period. Mr. Pennybacker will give his services for a subsistence salary. His work will be visiting college campuses to work with student groups in the development of their programs of Christian education and action.

The department of audio-visual services of The United Christian Missionary Society has placed copies of its entire list of aids in Church Film Libraries, Inc., 1399 N. Lakeside Ave., Pasadena 6, Calif. Boards of the Disciples of Christ, Southern Baptist, Congregational Christian, Episcopal, Augustana Lutheran and United Presbyterian Church of North America communions are cooperating in making Church Film Libraries a distribution center to serve better the churches of the Pacific Coast Area. Information can be obtained by writing Church Film Libraries, Inc.

Dean Emeritus W. J. Lhamon of the Bible College of the University of Missouri and Mrs. Lhamon celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 28. Dr. Lhamon's 96th birthday comes in September and Mrs. Lhamon was 91 in March. Both are in excellent health.

Missionary Register

Arriving from the Field:

Mrs. Robert Nelson returned to the States in July on regular furlough, Mr. Nelson, in August.

Dr. Dorothea and Miss Wilhelmina MacDougall arrived from India on regular furlough July 20. They were accompanied by their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Allin Sharp arrived in August on regular furlough from Paraguay.

Elmer G. Boyer returned from Belgian Congo June 9 on emergency medical furlough. Mrs. Boyer joined him later.

Mr. and Mrs. Everton B. Smith, Miss Goldie Alumbaugh and Miss Buena Stober arrived in the States in July on regular furlough from Belgian Congo.

Miss Mary Kay Sluder returned from Japan in July on leave of absence.

Departing for the Field:

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuqua returned to Mexico in June from regular furlough.

Miss Edna Gish sailed July 18 for Thailand, new mission field of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Williams returned to Puerto Rico in August after a three-months furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adams sailed for India in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill, Miss Marjorie Hill and Miss Veda Harrah will sail for India in September.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams and their family returned to Paraguay in August from regular furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Keyes will sail in September for the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Roberts and their children went to Belgium in June to study for service in Belgian Congo. Miss Fern McMillan went to Belgium in July.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bowers and their daughter Loretta Kay sailed for study in Belgium in August.

Mrs. A. C. Cuppy and her son, Miss Ruth Musgrave and Miss Martha Bateman returned to the Congo in July.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Baker and their son, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chatfield sailed for the Belgian Congo in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huff sailed for Japan in August.

A continuing project, Church Life Revival in Town and Country, is being developed to replace the three-year project, Church Enlargement Crusade in Town and Country. Sponsoring organizations are the departments of church development and evangelism, and religious education of The United Christian Missionary Society, state missionary societies, Unified Promotion and the National Christian Missionary Convention. Preliminary materials have been sent to state and area workers.

Project packets, based on tested church and sociological procedures, will be ready for distribution about Nov. 1. Information can be obtained from the director of town and country church in the department of church development and evangelism of The

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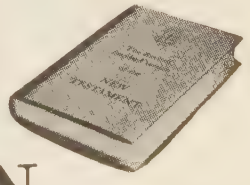

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The California Christian Home at Rosemead dedicated its new staff building, May 20. The residence will accommodate 30 and will enable the Home to take ten more guests.

The Illinois Christian Home at Jacksonville held a rededication service June 10. The Home has been completely renovated and redecorated on the interior.

Both homes are operated by the National Benevolent Association. Mrs. Greta J. Brown is superintendent of the California Home and Mrs. Jane Hutton of the Illinois Home.

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J. Rex Smith, director in the department of resources of The United Christian Missionary Society since June, 1949, has resigned to resume work on his doctorate at the University of Chicago. His resignation is effective Sept. 1.

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Evans B. Wood, Denison, Tex., and Guy Hobbs, Chattanooga, Tenn., were elected to the National Laymen's Advisory Commission in June by the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Misses Florence Brown, Ruby Craddock, Della Cross, Marilyn Digweed, Marilyn Joan Laver, Ella Williams, and Gary Murphy took field assignments for the summer among migrant workers in the Middle West after orientation at Camp Warren, St. Joseph, Mich.

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Miss Bertha Clawson, former missionary to Japan, is now at the California Christian Home, P. O. Box 148, San Gabriel, Calif. Miss Clawson's many friends will want her new address.

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This summer Disciples of Christ launched their first migrant work camp in the Pacific Coast area. The venture was made possible by the women of the Northern California churches in cooperation with the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. The camp was directed by Mrs. Ianthe Lyman of Santa Cruz. Darwin Mann of Chico was youth leader.

Mrs. Ruth Estes Milner of the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society helped direct orientation programs in both areas.

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Gilford E. Olmsted, pastor of the First Christian Church, Sioux Falls, S. D., attended the Yale School of Alcohol Studies July 7-Aug. 3 on a scholarship secured through the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Olmsted is available as a resource person in alcohol education in his area.

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The department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society is cooperating with the Service Commission of the Church of the Brethren in bringing German high school students to the United States to live in Christian homes for one year. German students will live this year in the Disciple homes of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hines, Connersville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis DeBoer, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skamser, Lincoln, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Frantz, Conway Springs, Kan.; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Detweiler, Decatur, Ill. Two more students will come under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches at Rockwood, Tenn., and the West Bluff Christian Church, Peoria, Ill.

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Mrs. Jack A. Sutton, Jr., died May 13 in Denver, Colo., after a short illness. Mr. Sutton is a dollar-a-year man in the department of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society. The Suttons have done much in teaching stewardship in the churches they have touched.

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Contributions to the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity are deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income, according to a directive from the United States Treasury Department to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ under date of May 21.

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A son, John Franklin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams June 30 in Hartford, Conn. The parents are missionaries to Paraguay.

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Paul Andress received the degree of Doctor of Education from the Advanced School of Education of Teachers College, Columbia University in June. Dr. Andress is a missionary to Argentina with The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Albert returned to India, their homeland, in July after study in Phillips University.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gilchrist, newly appointed missionaries to Paraguay, sailed for Costa Rica in August for language study and cultural orientation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Huegel returned to Mexico from Argentina in June. They had served the past semester as visiting professors at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires.

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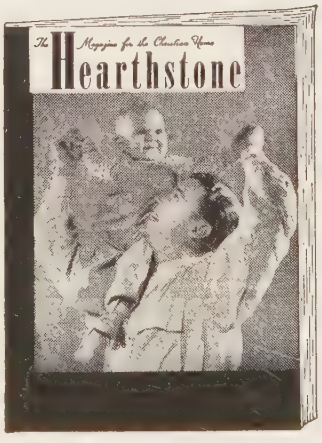

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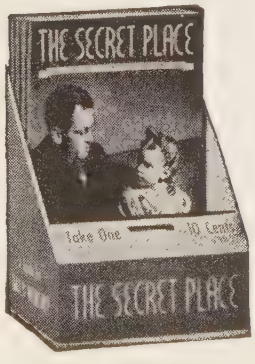

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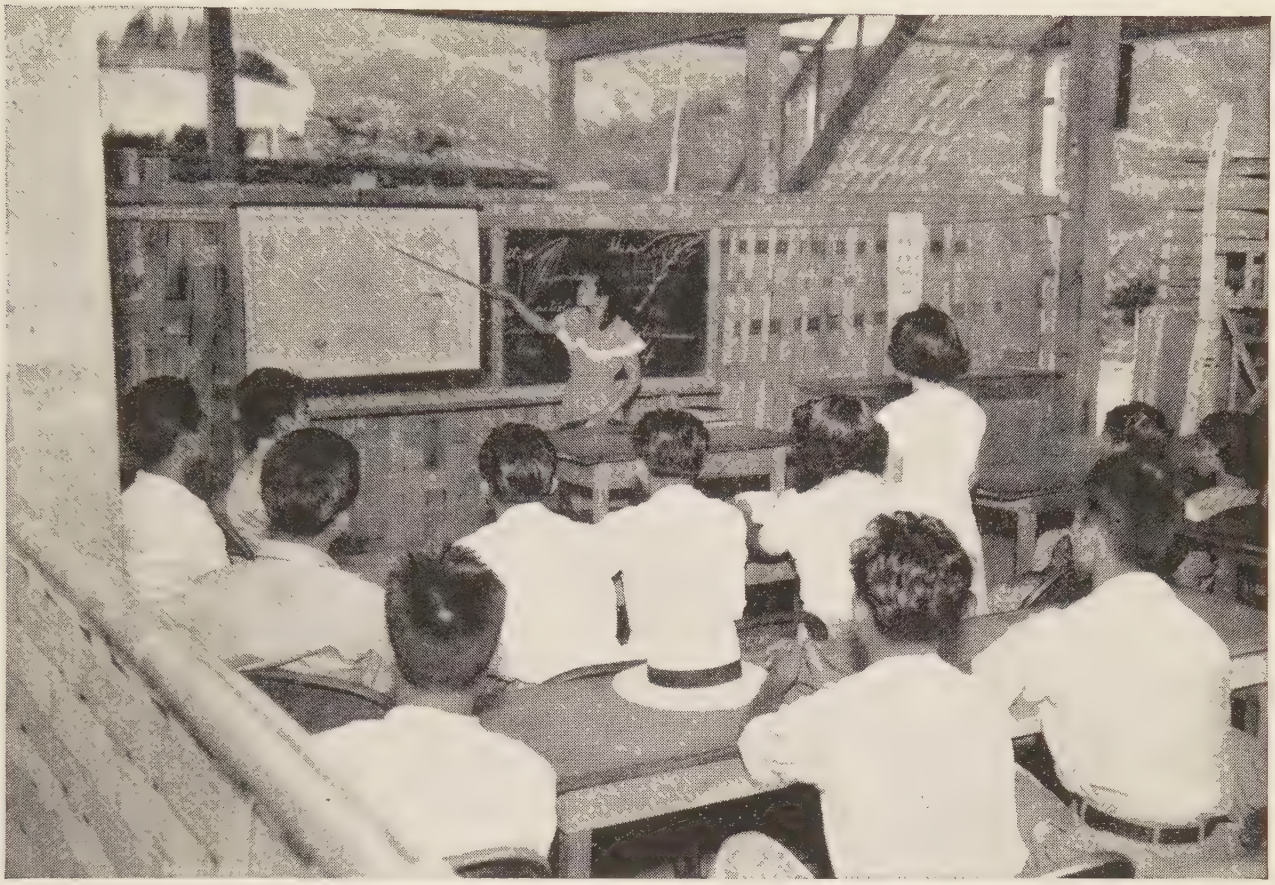

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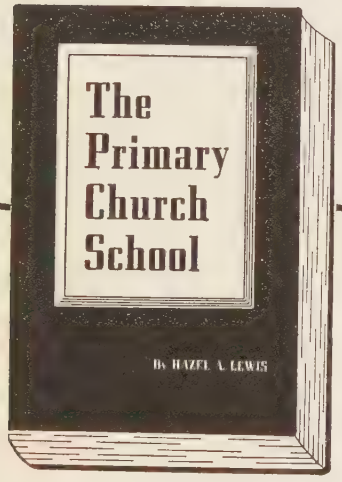

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Book Chat

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The New Testament material is also rearranged according to the central topics of the ministry of Christ and the development of the early church. The King James version is used with some modifications. The various sections of material have brief introductions which are excellent. Most of the Protestants of Evangelical faith would quarrel with the presupposition behind this arrangement of Biblical material that the concept of the church reaches back into the Old Testament.

BOOKS of meditations and devotion proliferate, which is a healthful sign. Grace Noll Crowell, famous author of much religious poetry, has a book called *Meditations* designed as "Devotions for Women." Each of the twenty-six meditations is a spiritual essay with an effective mingling of original prose and poetic material. These essays are striking in theme and have a tone of compassion and inspiration. It is a fine book.

Books Mentioned on Page 24

DEARLY BELOVED, by M. G. Nicola. New York. The Exposition Press. 205 pp. Price $3.00.

THE HIGH CALLING, by James Street. Garden City. Doubleday & Co. 308 pp. Price $3.00.

MISSION TO AMERICA, by Truman B. Douglass. The Friendship Press. 151 pp. Price $2.00.

THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, by Daniel T. Niles. New York. Harper & Brothers. 120 pp. Price $1.20.

THE SHORTER OXFORD BIBLE, Edited by G. W. Briggs, G. B. Caird and N. Micklem. New York. Oxford University Press. 476 pp. Price $1.85.

MEDITATIONS, by Grace Noll Crowell. New York & Nashville. The Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 176 pp. Price $1.50.

PRIMER ON ALCOHOLISM, by Marty Mann. New York. Rinehart & Co. 216 pp. Price $2.00.

This book should be read by every minister and counselor who has to do with alcoholics. Alcoholism has become a tragic disease baffling to medical science and increasing in its death toll. It is said to rank fourth in America now in its incidence of fatality. Mrs. Mann has lived up to the title of her book exactly. It is a primer, describing in simple language alcoholism and telling how the alcoholic should be dealt with as an individual. She outlines six different types of treatment, giving the place of the home and family, the physician, the psychiatrist, the minister, the sanitarium and Alcoholics Anonymous.

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"This theme is most appropriate to the times," declared Dr. Roy G. Ross, executive secretary of the division and associate general secretary of the National Council. "It is only on true religious faith that lasting freedom can be built. It is imperative that we nurture this faith and that we teach children, youth, and adults its meaning for our day."

Daily themes have been designated as follows for this 21st annual celebration:

Sunday, Sept. 30, *Rally Day*—"Religion—the Foundation of Freedom"

Monday, Oct. 1, *Leaders Day*—"Responsibilities of the Free"

Tuesday, Oct. 2, *Family Day*—"The Family Teaches"

Wednesday, Oct. 3, *Local Church Day*—"The Church Teaches"

Thursday, Oct. 4, *Community Day*—"The Community Teaches"

Friday, Oct. 5, *Youth Day*—"Youth—Answer the Call of Christ"

Saturday, Oct. 6, *Personal Meditation Day*—"Be Still and Know"

Sunday, Oct. 7, *"World Communion Sunday*—"Fellowship in Christ—Freedom's Cornerstone"

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5. The mission fields increased their schools from 178 to 318.
6. The number of students in the schools has increased from 11,754 to 17,062.
7. Students studying for the ministry have increased from 100 to 238.
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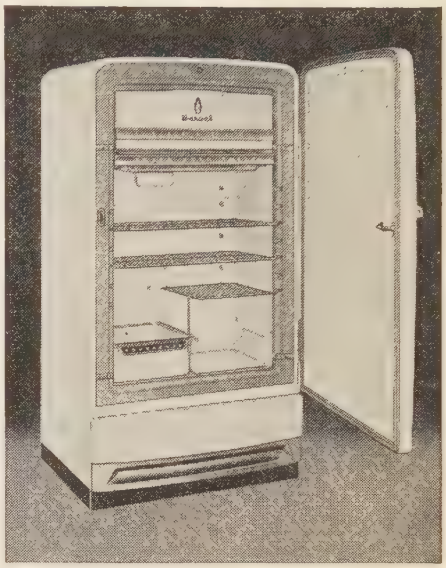

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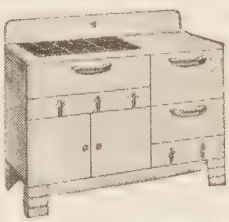

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OUR FATHER. Edited by J. H. Eydeler. New York. Oxford University Press. 35 cents.

THE CHURCH INVADES THE PAGAN WORLD. A Bethany Bible Course, by Dwight E. Stevenson. St. Louis. Christian Board of Publication. 50 cents.

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, by Kenneth J. Foreman. Richmond, Va. Outlook Publishers. Cloth $1.50; paper $1.00.

INTERPRETING THE CHURCH THROUGH PRESS AND RADIO, by Roland E. Wolseley. Philadelphia. The Muhlenberg Press. $3.75.

POCKET BIBLE HANDBOOK, by Henry H. Halley. Published by the author, Box 774, Chicago 90, Ill. $2.00.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHUCHES VIEWS ITS TASK IN CHRISTAIN LIFE AND WORK. New York. National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue. 15c each; 12c in lots of 100 or more.

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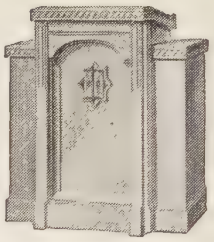

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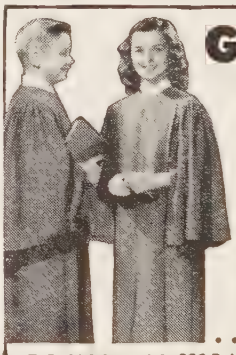

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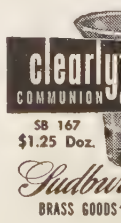

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EACH one win one" is usually a slogan for winning others to Christ. In this story, however, it is a case of one worker winning another worker.

Jose' Loera was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City in December, 1950. When he was in his senior year he remarked to his roommate one day, "We ought to be hunting wives; preachers should be married."

The companion did not hesitate. "You don't need to hunt," he remarked. "I'm sure you would like my sister." He handed a picture to Jose'.

That was when Jose' first thought of marrying Aurora Valencia, daughter of the pastor of the Methodist Church in Los Nogales, Sonora. An interesting correspondence developed. Both of them attended the Youth Congress in Durango. After this meeting there was no doubt in their minds. Jose' was accepted by Aurora's father as a prospective son-in-law and their engagement was announced.

Aurora was considered by doctors, coworkers and patients in Nogales, Arizona, where she worked, as one of the most skilled nurses and one of the best loved. She is a musician as well, and has always taken an active part in church work.

Jose' and Aurora were married February 2. More than a hundred guests from both sides of the border attended the wedding. The Loeras began their work in three rural Christian churches in the state of San Luis Potosi. Jose' beams happily when friends tell him, "Aurora is even a better worker than you are."

"Yes," he agrees. "She helps with the music in the services and opens more doors with her nursing than I have time to enter with my message."

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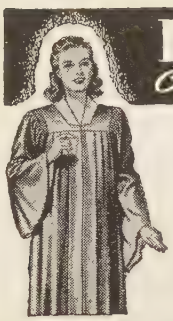

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Lepers Receive Loving Care at Sapucay

THE following is one section of a sixteen-page pamphlet dealing with the work of American Leprosy Missions, Inc., in Latin America. The pamphlet is entitled "If Thou Wilt." Malcolm L. Norment is now in the U.S.A. and is the director of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington.

IMAGINE a community of 800,000 having a leprosy population of 10,000! With one person in eighty afflicted with the disease, such was the plight of South America's small, poor republic of Paraguay a few years ago. The rest of the story has a familiar ring—with different names and places, it has happened a dozen times and more in as many places around the missionary world.

The story of Sapucay goes back almost thirty years. It was the initiative of Protestant missionaries that gave Paraguay its first leprosy colony, back in 1933. Malcolm L. Norment of the Disciples of Christ Mission in Asuncion and Dr. John N. Hay of Scotland found leprosy victims living in wretched squalor in hovels adjoining the city hospital at Asuncion.

At first their efforts for reform met with public apathy and government indifference. But the missionaries could not rest. They asked for and ultimately obtained a grant of government land at Sapucay and funds for the construction of suitable housing. There, by the labor of the patients themselves, and with funds from any and all possible donors, including American Leprosy Missions, was built a decent living place for those unfortunates who need but seldom get the same loving care and treatment accorded any other group of sick persons.

The crowning victory of these two pioneer missionaries and their successors in the work was the construction at Sapucay of a modern, well-built leprosy hospital with funds from the United States Public Health Commission.

In the course of their strivings for improvement of conditions for Paraguay's leprosy victims, Mr. Norment and Dr. Hay attracted to themselves and their work a circle of sympathetic friends, church members, and public-spirited citizens. Organizing themselves into a society to befriend those with leprosy, this group, known as the La Patronata de Leperos (The Society of Lepers), carried out many necessary and useful functions in the building of Sapucay.

It initiated a farm program for producing the colony's food. With the help of North American friends through American Leprosy Missions, it built a children's home, a school house, social hall, sewing room and carpenter shop. It also maintains in Asuncion a preventorium for healthy children of parents with leprosy.

Equally important to the life and welfare of the patients at Sapucay is the constant ministry of personal service and worship carried on by missionaries and other workers from the Disciples Mission and the Colegio Internacional in Asuncion.

Future plans of the Patronata include the erection of a small chapel for evangelicals within the hospital grounds and a guest house just outside the colony for visiting preachers.

For a number of years American Leprosy Missions and the Mission to Lepers of London have shared the expense of supporting a nurse, Miss Phyllis Bateman, for work among the colony's twenty-five children. All the children are now under treatment with the new sulfone drugs made available to them through American Leprosy Missions. Already a number have been transferred to the preventorium and are on the road to healthy, happy adulthood, free of leprosy.

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"It took hard years of labor and devotion on the part of the early missionaries and translators, but now we can buy the greatest book, the Book of Life, for ten francs (20c for a New Testament). . . . At first, only special persons here had Bibles, but now any person can buy a New Testament. . . . Many old men in the deep forest villages, who have never learned to read, now buy the New Testament so that their children who are in the mission school can read it to them. . . . Schools of Congo did not flourish until the Protestant missionaries came with the open Bible and encouraged the reading of it everywhere."

We new missionaries, too, appreciate the great work and labors of the missionaries before us. We now have 101 back-country evangelists. During our fourteen months here at Mondombe, we have witnessed the baptism of 2,446 people, which we believe is a record number. To reach some of these people it was necessary to go 140 miles by truck and then 50 miles farther into the forest by bicycle.

Though giving is small in amount when compared with that of United States churches; yet, as low wages have increased little by little, so have the native church offerings. Sometimes all that a native Christian has to give is an egg, a small handmade basket, or a bunch of green onions. Certainly he gives much who gives all.

Through it all we see their love growing and we know their great potentialities. Teaching and guiding the leaders, who in turn teach these new masses of Christians, is a tremendous work. We are overjoyed that the Ned Roberts family will be back at Mondombe to help.

—HAL E. HEIMER

Mondombe, Belgian Congo

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Quite a number of our churches have adopted plans whereby World Call is received in a large majority, if not all, of the homes. The ministers of these churches encourage their members to read it regularly, for they know that their work is more effective when their membership is well informed. Their acclaim of World Call's contribution to the life of their church is a source of gratification to us.

The plans these churches are successfully following will soon be sent to all ministers. With them will be the announcement of an offer they will find most attractive. Tell your minister to be on the lookout for his next letter from World Call. It will be to his advantage.

We all agree that every home needs World Call. I am sure you will also agree that it is extremely important for it to be in homes where there are young people. Or had you thought about it? When young people become acquainted with World Call and realize the extent of its scope and coverage, it has an especial appeal for them.

Larry Kirkpatrick is the young Phillips University student who is representing Disciple student work on college campuses. When I met Larry in the hall of Missions Building not long ago, he stopped me and said, "I want you to know that I think World Call is the best magazine I ever read." I thanked him and naturally agreed. He told me that while World Call had been in his home as long as he could remember he had never paid much attention to it until recently. "But now," he said, "I would not miss a copy for anything. It has everything!" (Had you thought of sending World Call to that boy or girl in college?)

The other day I was told of a high school student who had received an A-plus on a theme. His teacher wanted to know where he had found such a wealth of interesting material. "In my mother's World Call," the boy told her. She was quite curious to "see a magazine that published such material," and asked that he bring a copy to school. After she saw it, need I tell you she subscribed?

When so much questionable reading matter is competing with good reading matter for the interest of youth, it is pretty important to have the best close at hand.

The best of good wishes and the best of good reading for you and all in your home.

Most sincerely,
Evylin R. Gribble
National World Call Secretary

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Women's Missionary Societies	200,578.04	125,412.44	3,336.08	1,605.30
Councils	508,263.17	87,295.83	9,932.46	3,053.12
Young Matrons' Missionary Societies	9,365.42	7,238.25	403.13	300.50
Guilds	42,510.61	44,938.84	982.60	1,173.03
Youth Groups	48,160.06	53,498.16	441.21	2,708.98
Children's Groups	4,666.38	6,349.64	305.35	237.51
Individuals	17,231.12	26,630.80	21,879.15	72,035.22
Grand Totals	$2,147,967.54	$2,423,465.84	$182,988.24	$289,092.21
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Last Column

To Take My Place

I labored in the land I love,
In India, for every tribe and race.
I left with courage in my heart
Though last farewells I had to face.
Some dusky lad whose life I touched
Some day will rise to take my place.

—Geo. E. Miller

Waynesboro, Tenn.

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A visitor at a country-town baseball game noticed that several people, apparently strangers, came to the grandstand, asked a question or two, made their way to a fat man in shirt-sleeves, then went away again. "What's it all about?" he asked one of the townsmen.

"Those fellers that was talkin' to Cy Hostetter? Traffic violators, likely. Cy is our J.P."

"Does he decide cases here in the grandstand?"

"Oh, no! He probably told 'em to wait till the game's over; he couldn't be bothered. It's always like this on a hot day," chuckled the townsman. "You see, Cy sends 'em over to wait at the ice-cream parlor, where he holds court after the game. The heat makes 'em good customers. Cy's the proprietor."

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My Church

Deep in my heart I know that the church is of God. That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

I also know that the church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge I gladly give myself to my church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.

—*The Christian Caller*
Pomona, California

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Husband: But you have worn that one only two seasons.

Wife: Yes, but is was practically second-hand when I got it—the fox wore it for five years before that.

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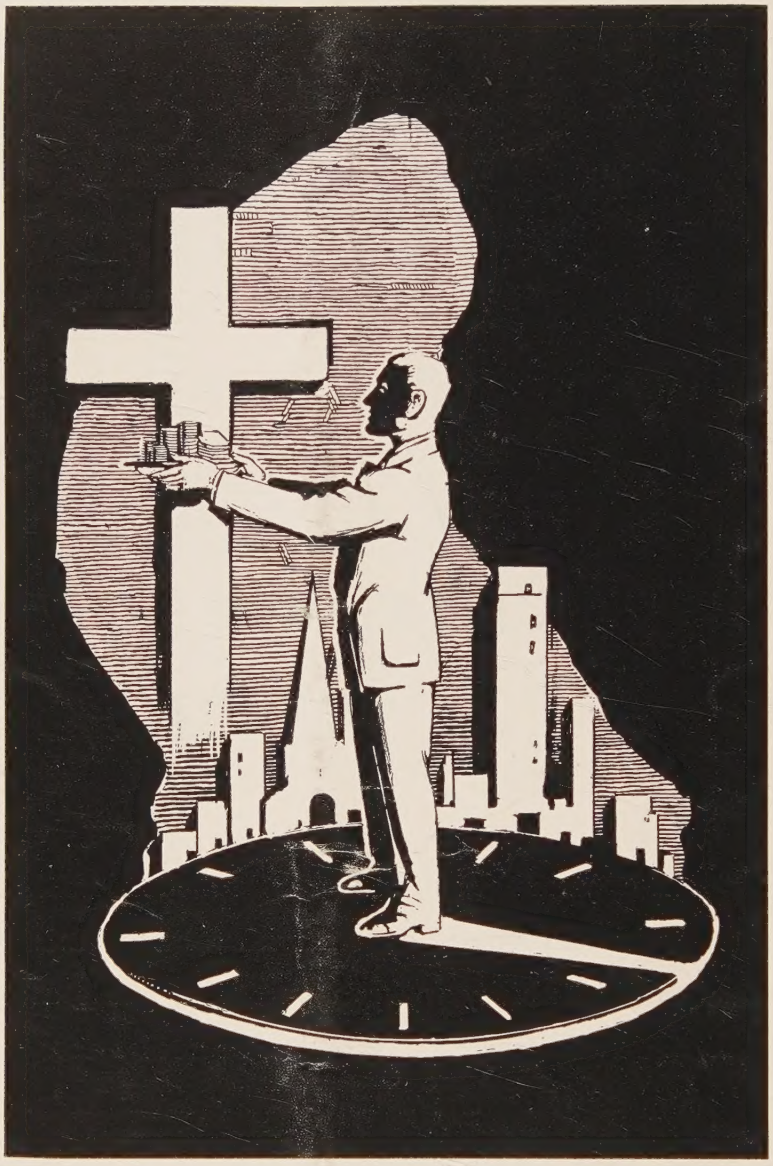

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